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SANTA SENDS HIS REGRETS Who Will Fill Newark Stocking for 1976?

The City of Newark's stocking may be hung once again by the chimney with care...but there's not much hope St. Nicholas — or anyone with a load of goodies — will soon be there.

On the contrary, events of recent weeks indicate we may be lucky to find even a lump of coal in our rather raggedy stocking this Christmas. After Santa looked at our long list of municipal needs, he just sent regrets. And worse, he may refer our case to Ebenezer Scrooge & Co. for further review.

Yes, it's still the season to be jolly — but that takes extra effort this year at City Hall. Festive music echoes through the old rotunda and tinsel hangs in many offices, but there's still much gloom about the city's financial plight, and its impact on workers and citizens.

The irony was most intense in the second-floor headquarters of the Personnel Division. Amid bright decorations, officials

grimly prepared layoff notices for more than 500 employees — one-tenth of the city's work force. They are the latest casualties of the struggle to balance the budget. It's the second mass layoff in less than a year, and this time it includes firemen as well as police personnel.

Meanwhile, the city's latest attempt to sell \$15 million in long-term bonds drew only a "Bah! Humbug!" from investors, still shaken by the New York fiscal fiasco. Twice earlier this year, investors asked for high interest, and the city threw out their bids. This time they didn't

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Newark Ambulances Change Route Again

By C. ALAN SIMMS

In February of 1974 a marriage between the N.J. College of Medicine and Dentistry and the Newark Departments of Health and Welfare, and Fire, gave birth to the Emergency Transportation System.

Stationed at three strategically located firehouses

in various parts of the city, as well as at the college's Martland Medical Center, ambulances staffed with Fire Department personnel trained in emergency medical technology have responded to calls 24 hours a day each day since then.

Designed to replace a woefully inefficient system, which had previously operated all ambulances out of Martland and registered response times between 20 and 40 minutes, the current plan of satellite stations has dramatically cut response time to 5.2 minutes on the average.

What's more, the system hired 14 minority men from the Newark community and trained and positioned them on the job with the other firemen operating the ambulances. In an agreement with Civil Service, these men were to work in the position of fire cadet for a period of time, after which they would matriculate into the Fire Department. This plan would give an avenue to minority people to become firefighters through other means than Civil Service tests.

Unfortunately, things have not worked out well, and after two years of cooperation the marriage that spawned the Emergency Transportation System will end — at least in part.

As of Jan. 1 the Fire Department is pulling out all but advisory personnel because of what have been described as

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Little Lady Sings the Blues



Tisha Campbell, who is only 6 but has been likened to the late Billie Holiday, won a 1976 car and a recording contract at a statewide talent contest at the Terrace Ballroom. She sang "All of Me" and "Them There Eyes" for the contest. PHOTO BY STAN JORDAN

ON THE WELFARE Lengthy Lines - and Lonely Lives

By TOM SKINNER

It's been well documented that the poor get poorer, but the evidence keeps mounting for those who may have reason to doubt.

For example, a government report recently released in Washington shows that high unemployment and spiraling inflation forced the cost of public social welfare to reach the record mark of \$287 billion in the last fiscal year. The federal report indicates almost a 20 per cent increase in welfare costs over the past 12 months.

Inflation, according to the report, lapped off \$21 billion of the \$47 billion bulge in federal, state and local social welfare programs in the fiscal year ended June 30. Social Security analysts attribute the unprecedented welfare costs to rising joblessness and inflation stemming from automatic cost-of-living increases which caused medical and social services to become more expensive.

In a poverty-stricken city like Newark, findings of the report should be must reading for those who deplore the perverse nature of the nation's public social systems. And so, this reporter recently went to 2 Cedar St. and talked to Ms. Audrey Massiah, director of the Newark Division of Public Welfare.

"At this time," she said in the November issue of the city's Consumer Action Newsletter, "because of the economic conditions prevalent in the nation, the state and, naturally, the city, 54 per cent on our clients are on welfare because they're unable to find jobs. I'll say that our clients on the average consist of the ordinary Joe, who's caught up in the unemployment problem."

The others, as she describes them, consist of alcoholics, drug

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Nuevo Centro de FOCUS



Casto Maldonado, executive director of FOCUS; Mrs. Elba Andino; Fr. Mario Muccitelli, past president and Jose Rosario, president of FOCUS Board of Directors, admire some of the works by Puerto Rican painters which are part of the first exposition at the center's new Art Gallery. (Story and other pictures on page 3).

Casto Maldonado, Director Ejecutivo de FOCUS, la Sra. Elba Andino, el Padre Mario Muccitelli y el Sr. José Rosario, Ex-Presidente y Presidente de la Junta de Directores de FOCUS, admiran algunas de las obras que forman parte de la primera Exposición de Pintores Puertorriqueños, que inaugura su nueva Galería de Arte. (Véase artículo y fotos en la pag. 3).

End of an ERA: What Next for Women?

By JANICE NEWMAN

Election Day has passed. Posters and bumper stickers are slowly coming down. The excitement of campaigning has died. The winners are basking in their glory and the losers have disappeared back into the woodwork, some until next time, others for good.

But the one issue that everyone thought would disappear after Election Day is the infamous Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). If it had passed, it was expected that everyone would sit back and watch it go to work on sex discrimination in the state. When it lost, many expected the Women's Liberation Movement would run away, wallow in its defeat, and never be heard from again. It was also felt that the anti-ERA forces would retire back to their homes, away from the political limelight, elated by their victory.

However, none of these things happened. On election night, after the

returns were in, many of the pro-ERA forces felt that they could not fight again, that this fight had drained them, and that they could not take any more confrontations with those "irrational people who would rather let someone take care of them than allow others to take care of themselves." But by the next morning, the forces were readying to renew the fight — this time to protect New Jersey's previous ratification vote for the Federal ERA.

At the same time, the anti-ERA forces were using the vote as a mandate from the voters to demand the rescission of the ratification vote. Inez Franko, chairman of the Citizens' Alliance to Stop ERA, stated in an interview with The New York Times: "The Equal Rights Amendment was only the beginning. We have a big job ahead of us and a mandate from the electorate to carry it out."

But what was behind this victory, especially when the polls suggested that

the ERA should win handily? The answer lies in several areas.

First, the pro-ERA forces were really late in getting themselves organized for the fight. The Coalition for a State ERA was slow in getting started after it was announced that the ERA would be on the ballot. The Coalition was broken down into county coalitions to facilitate operations, but these too were tardy in getting started because during the summer months many people were on vacation, and they were seriously lacking in funds to mount a massive campaign. Many members of the Coalition later realized they were talking mainly to other supporters of the amendment, instead of talking to those who opposed it or were ignorant of the amendment's existence.

Many now feel they should have been more aggressive, especially during debates, when the opposition would try

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WAILING WALL



A seven-foot wall loomed as a mighty obstacle to a group of women who recently took the Civil Service physical test for police officer. Janice Newman, who faced the challenge herself, tells about it on page 18. HAMILTON SKETCH

CURTAIN CALL FOR BRENDA SAUNDERS!

By TOM SKINNER

There is a soft rosy flush to her cheeks. Her face is round and full with the innocence of a kewpie doll. She smiles engagingly, and one senses immediately her realness. Her personality radiates charm, bright and outgoing, reflecting a glowing optimism about people.

"I love people," she says. "And I especially like my work. I look forward to coming to work every day. It's just something I really enjoy doing."

Brenda Saunders is her name, and she manages Symphony Hall in Newark. Of course, there is the temptation to ask her: How did a nice lady like you land in a position traditionally reserved for a man?

"Well, it's kind of strange the way it happened," she recalls. "You see, I was working as a secretary for the people who owned the building in which Symphony Hall is located. A girlfriend of mine was working there, and she told me about a job opening in 1966. I wasn't sure I wanted it at first because there was a lot of fund-raising involved. Anyway, I was hired as an executive assistant to the manager of the hall."

Ms. Saunders, mother of three teenagers, doesn't seem the least bit concerned about her position in a man's world.

"The important thing is to do a good job," she said. "When you have done your best. After all, it's what you do that really counts in the end, whether you are a

woman or man."

A graduate of Newark State College, majoring in management science, Ms. Saunders is responsible for the maintenance of the 3,300-seat Symphony Hall, one of the city's oldest cultural institutions. She also arranges some 30 daytime programs for youngsters in Newark schools.

"I'm trying to book programs not just for the entertainment of the kids, but to develop a new audience of theater-goers. The programs are generally focused on topical subjects and historical materials."

She wants to do daytime programming for school kids during the holidays to keep them involved with something constructive and positive.

A short time ago, Ms. Saunders made an ambitious effort to bring Scott Joplin's Broadway-bound hit, "Treemonisha," to Symphony Hall during the recent strike that blacked out the New York theater district.

After Mayor Gibson invited the show to come to Newark, Ms. Saunders met with the producers and sought to arrange a gala opening here for the classical work by the ragtime genius. But the Newark local of the Musicians Union refused to permit a performance here until after the Broadway strike ended.

"It would have been a turn-around for the city," she said, "because we need a big show like that to rekindle the cultural vitality of Newark. It was a disappointment



that we were not able to get this great black man's splendid opera here."

One of her greatest ambitions is to see Symphony Hall become a first-class and bustling cultural center for everybody to enjoy. Ms. Saunders, who lives in East Orange, thinks she can make this happen. And there seems little reason to doubt her. No challenge is too great for someone like her. Just looking at her is enough to tell she's a winner.

Head of Her Class



Mrs. Frances Ginsburg, who teaches at Chancellor Avenue School, has been named an Outstanding Elementary Teacher in America for 1975. Awards are presented each year for professional, personal and academic achievement.

PHOTO BY RON SIMMONS

SEX ASSAULT TEAM TRACKS ATTACKERS

By JANICE NEWMAN

The victim was a 25-year-old female who had stopped for a light in downtown Newark on a weekend afternoon. The attacker approached the car, jumped into the back seat, put a knife to the victim's neck and told her to drive around.

After driving around for a while, they stopped. He climbed into the front seat and began putting his hand up her dress. The attacker opened his trousers and forced the woman to commit "a deviant sex act." He then left the scene taking \$30 and throwing the car keys away.

This is an actual case on file at the Sexual Assault Rape Analysis (SARA) Unit at 20 Park Place in Newark.

In this particular case, the original report was for a robbery. However, after further questioning by a district squad investigator, it was learned that a sexual assault had occurred. At this point the victim was referred to Lt. Donald Blydenburgh of SARA.

The victim was able to give a remarkably accurate description of her attacker — approximate

age, height, weight, hair and eye color, and clothing.

Through the use of a composite sketch, the attacker was apprehended and subsequently identified by the victim in a lineup. The man was indicted on 15 counts, some of which were from previous unreported attacks. The charges included lewdness, rape and abduction.

This successful case is only one example of the effectiveness of the new SARA unit. From its opening on July 14 to Oct. 1 the unit received 124 reports, compared to the 86 reports received in the same period in 1974. Furthermore, the unit has a clearance rate (number of cases which result in arrest or can be closed) of 57 per cent, compared to a 25 per cent clearance rate in 1974.

The unit has revolutionized the treatment of rape victims in Newark. Victims are no longer subjected to any questioning by uniformed police, but are directly referred to SARA,

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Brenda Veltri Is Personnel Chief

Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson has appointed Miss Brenda Veltri as the new director of the Newark Division of Personnel. Miss Veltri's appointment follows the resignation of Alonzo Kittrels, who is now personnel director for the Board of Education.

The 28-year-old Miss Veltri has 6½ years' experience with city government, which includes various positions in personnel and budget. She holds a BS in political science from Rutgers University and an MA from Seton Hall University in rehabilitation counseling.

"I am unusually pleased to appoint Miss Veltri to the position of director of personnel because she is not only extremely talented in her field, but she has worked her way up through the ranks in the personnel office," Mayor Gibson said. On an average, 3,000 people are processed for city employment annually.

Affirmative Action Program Pinpoints Construction Jobs

The Newark Human Rights Commission's Affirmative Action Program is moving into high-gear in enforcement of the regulations governing fair employment of minority workers in the construction industry.

According to James W. Helper, the city's affirmative action compliance officer, the program seeks one-third of the man-hours worked on any tax-abeted construction site in Newark for minority employees — specifically Blacks and Spanish-surnamed Americans.

"The working arrangement and authority of the program," Helper says, "permit it to stop

New Jersey Housing Finance Agency funding if a contractor or subcontractor is not in compliance with the man-hours

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Watch That Block

Would you like to help keep your block safe and sound? Could you keep an eye on things in your neighborhood?

If so, the Newark Police Department would like to sign you up for its new "Blockwatcher" program. Blockwatchers will serve as volunteer eyes and ears — noting and reporting any crimes or emergencies to the police.

The program establishes a formal network of concerned citizens, who will receive special identification cards and numbers, but who will not be publicly identified. Their calls for help will receive priority from police radio dispatchers.

Information and applications are available from Police Community Relations, 57 Green Street.; 733-6135.

Goforth Bus Travels an Uphill Road

His name is Robert Goforth, and it could hardly be more appropriate.

He is the founder and proprietor of Newark's only black-owned bus company, and he is indeed going forth — not only as a bus operator, but as a pioneer in a business long dominated by whites.

After seven years of working, saving and planning, Goforth finally incorporated his own company last year. And this year he won a coveted Public Utilities Commission franchise — in spite of the concerted opposition of 26 other bus companies in the metropolitan area. His is now one of only four minority-owned bus companies in the whole state, and the only one in Essex County.

So far the Goforth Bus Service consists of one 49-passenger, air-conditioned bus. But Goforth is already trying to borrow \$38,000 to buy three newer buses, so he can handle all the charter business that is beginning to come his way.

It's a family business, run from the Goforth home at 134 Isabella Ave. Goforth, who's been working on buses more than half his 35 years, does most of the driving, while his wife, Lottie, keeps the records. Their three youngest children also lend a hand, as do some uncles with experience in travel and trucking.

The Goforths have developed a growing clientele — including the NAACP, and various schools, churches and lodges. They've also sought some public contracts, but they've been underbid by others. Goforth runs the weekly roundtrips for the Joint Connection from

Newark to New Jersey Prisons, with the help of buses he leases from other companies. And he has seven trips to Florida booked already for 1976.

That's where the additional buses will come in — if Goforth can raise the money to triple his fleet and hire three drivers. "The bank talks very nice on the phone," he observes, "but when you walk in, you can feel the click."

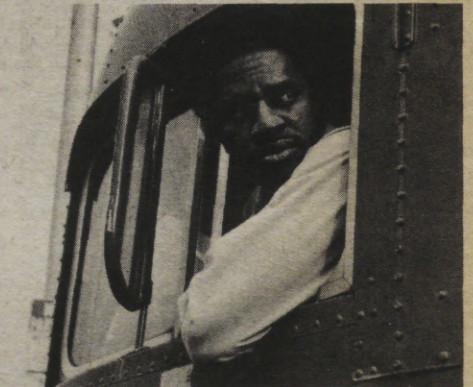
Meanwhile, Goforth takes obvious pride in this aging but spotless bus, and in his stress on personal service. "I can do things Greyhound can't do," he declares.

The transportation entrepreneur worked for many years as a driver and manager for area companies. "I used to run the business for one man while he was at the shore or in Miami," he recalls. "I decided I'd rather work for myself."

He sold his late-model Cadillac a year ago, and bought his own bus for \$9,500. Then began an eight-month struggle to get a charter license from the PUC, at a sizable cost in legal fees.

The existing companies fought Goforth, and said their own service was adequate. In reply, Goforth says, "I asked, why couldn't they give me a chance?"

Finally, on Sept. 4, the PUC ruled in favor of Goforth. The state agency found he had "adequate financial responsibility and ability," and his small operation would not harm the other companies. Moreover, the PUC said testimony by various witnesses "shows a need among various groups which are not presently being adequately served by the existing



operators."

In his effort to expand, Goforth is being assisted by the Joint Enterprises Trusteeship (JET) Corp. of East Orange. But he is relying mostly on his own initiative and determination.

"When you're new, you've got to run," he comments. And in spite of the odds, he's optimistic. "The bus business is going to get better. If they keep going up on the price of gas and oil, people won't want to drive so much," he predicts.

And he is optimistic about Newark. "This is where I pay my taxes... this is where I live. I feel Newark is going to get better, not worse." He's probably right — if our town can just get a bit more of the Goforth spirit.

Un Nuevo Centro...FOCUS...A New Center

Por RAUL DAVILA

FOCUS, la organización de caridad, con fines no pecuniarios, que lucha por los derechos constitucionales de los residentes Puertorriqueños e Hispanos a través de toda la ciudad de Newark, celebró, el 19 de Noviembre, ceremonias de inauguración para su nuevo Centro Intercultural y su recién expandidas facilidades de servicios a la comunidad.

Cientos de líderes comunales y miembros de la comunidad de negocios de la ciudad y del estado se reunieron para un cocktail-almuerzo, ofrecido en su nueva Galería de Arte, localizada en el 4to. piso del 443 de Broad Street. Después del festejo, se mostraron las facilidades de oficinas, salones de clases y conferencias, a aquellos que nunca habían visitado el centro y no conocían de sus varios programas de ayuda.

FOCUS abrió sus puertas en 1967 con solo tres empleados. Hoy día, la agencia cuenta con su propio edificio, un personal de veinte empleados —mayormente graduados de universidad y un presupuesto de más de \$300,000.

FOCUS recibe fondos del Gobierno Federal, el Departamento de Asuntos Comunales, la Fundación Florence y John Shumann, la Fundación Victoria, la Fundación Engelhard, la United Way de los Condados de Essex y West Hudson, New Jersey Bell y Prudential Insurance Co.

Durante los últimos siete años, más de 38,000 clientes han acudido a FOCUS en busca de ayuda. Adicionalmente, la agencia ha servido como vehículo en el establecimiento y encauzamiento de los siguientes programas:

- Focus Economic Development Corporation, que opera con un subsidio de \$300,00.

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Below, Puerto Rican painter Maury Rodriguez, explains to Dr. Ruth Assersons, of the Art Dept. of the Newark Board of Education; Jose Ocasio, director of The Campeche Gallery in N.Y.; and Irving Mc Mannus, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the meaning of two of her works, being exhibited at FOCUS' new Art Gallery.

En la foto de abajo, la pintora Puertorriqueña, Maury Rodriguez, explica a la Dra. Ruth Assersons del Departamento de Arte de la Junta de Educación de Newark; José Ocasio, director de la Galería Campeche de N.Y., y el Sr. Irving Mc Mannus del Museo Metropolitano de N.Y., el significado de dos de sus pinturas, que forman parte de la Exhibición de Pintores Puertorriqueños que inauguró la nueva Galería de Arte de FOCUS, en Newark.



By RAUL DAVILA

FOCUS, the citywide non-profit charitable organization that serves the constitutional rights of the Puerto Rican and Hispanic residents of the City of Newark, held opening ceremonies for its new Intercultural Center and expanded community service facilities last Nov. 19.

Hundreds of community leaders and members of business concerns throughout the city and the state met for a luncheon at the agency's new Art Gallery, located at 443 Broad St. After the cocktail-luncheon, a guided tour of the agency's facilities was conducted for those who have not yet been able to visit the center and know about its many programs.

Begun in 1967 with three employees, FOCUS today has its own building and a staff of 20, most of them college graduates, and a budget exceeding \$300,000.

FOCUS is the recipient of funds from federal government, Department of Community Affairs, the Florence and John Schumann Foundation, Engelhard Foundation, United Way of Essex and West Hudson, New Jersey Bell and Prudential Insurance Co.

During the last seven years, more than 38,000 clients have visited FOCUS seeking assistance. Additionally, the agency has been instrumental in establishing and spinning off the following programs:

- FOCUS Economic Development Corp. operating with a \$300,000 grant.
- Newark Bilingual Education Program
- Planned Parenthood
- Community United for the Rehabilitation of the Addicted (CURA).
- FOCUS Cadets, a group of youth training in

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NEW AGENCY TAKES TUFF LINE ON TAXIS

The city of Newark's newly formed Division of Taxicabs has begun a stepped-up enforcement campaign by screening all drivers seeking renewed licenses, and ordering old cabs off the streets.

The division, which began operations last month, has been processing the annual renewal of licenses for some 1,650 drivers and 600 taxis at its new office in the basement of Newark City Hall.

Ronald B. Tuff, director of the new agency, reports more than 50 drivers were required to settle old traffic warrants before they could receive their new licenses. In addition, two applicants have been arrested on outstanding criminal warrants.

Moreover, Tuff reports, about 40 cabs were rejected for licenses, most because they are over-aged, and some because



RONALD TUFF

they are not properly insured. Under the revised city ordinances, taxis cannot be more than six years old.

The Division of Taxicabs was created by Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson and the City Council in response to strong criticism of Newark taxi service by residents and visitors. There have been numerous complaints about the

condition of local cabs, and the conduct of some drivers.

The division is headed by Tuff, 25, who has spent three years as an administrative analyst and aide in city government. The staff of 11 includes four inspectors, two policemen, and clerical workers.

"We're not trying to zero in on the drivers or the owners, but to clean up the industry," declares Tuff. "This is a good

The crackdown was intensified when the division's staff and police began spot checks in the streets. Any cabs that aren't properly licensed may be towed away, and drivers who aren't licensed face fines and arrest.

Tuff said some drivers may have been deterred by the new fee — it was increased from \$5 a year to \$25 — and the tough

new regulations.

Police have run record checks on all the drivers, and applicants for new licenses found outstanding warrants waiting in the division's office. Tuff says most drivers have been able to settle the warrants by paying fines and costs. The two criminal arrests, he said, were for a narcotics violation and nonsupport.

The Division of Taxicabs was established within the city Department of Administration.

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FOR THE DEFENSE



Robert Brennan, local attorney, is new public defender for City of Newark. He has served with Union County Legal Services and N.J. Civil Rights Division. He succeeds John Perez.

HIGH-RISE HOPES RISE

Colonnade Tenants See New Day

About 10 years ago a Sunday school teacher from a nearby church took a group of black children into the playground of the Colonnade Park Apartments.

The guard promptly noted that they didn't look like Colonnade residents, and demanded to know what they were doing there. It was only after much explanation by the teacher that the children were permitted to stay and play.

About the same time, a young man who worked at the Newark Museum, and lived at Colonnade was told by a guard to stop playing his bongo drum in the courtyard. He appealed to the manager, who told him bongo-playing was contrary to "the Colonnade image."

That was the past — when Colonnade was a largely adult, almost exclusively white enclave, vigorously protecting its upper

middle class values from the surrounding community.

Colonnade has changed since then. It's estimated black and other minority families now occupy about half the 1,200 apartments in the three glass-and-steel towers just east and west of Columbus Homes.

And now the tenants are banding together to assure that Colonnade's changing population will continue to have an attractive and desirable home.

"We're trying to organize the tenants so they'll feel this is a community," says Cisco Carter, new president of the Colonnade Park Tenants Association. The group claims about 600 dues-paying members, with representatives from each floor of the three buildings.

The association was organized in the late 1960s, when tenants became alarmed about series of burglaries and muggings. And security is still a major concern, according to Carter — whose own car has been stolen three times from the parking lot.

But the tenant organization is also trying to develop special programs for the growing number of children and senior citizens who live there. And the group is sponsoring such activities as a theater club, bridge and card parties, and a workshop on plant care.

Colonnade Park, built in the late 1950s, was the first and largest middle-income development in Newark's urban



One-third of Colonnade Park: The building at 351 Broad St.

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118,251 on Voter Register in Newark

By C. ALAN SIMMS

Records obtained from the Essex County Commissioner of Registration verify that 118,251 Newarkers were registered to vote for the general election in November. Of that number, nearly 15,000 had been registered through the efforts of

the Community Organization Division of the Mayor's Policy and Development Office (MPDO).

In our last issue we reported that 18,000 registration forms had been sent to the county by Community Organization, but that an "undisclosed number"

had been questioned by the registrar.

Joyce Morgan, coordinator for the registration drive, explains now the questioned forms totaled approximately 2,400, of which 1,529 had been flatly rejected (mostly for incorrect forms, but there were 200 questions of residency), and the rest were duplicates, routine transfers, or changes of names for marriages.

She states that her office had requested a rejection list from the county, prior to the election, but wasn't able to get it. MPDO does expect to receive the list, however, and plans to work toward re-registering anyone rejected because of form technicalities.

Some Spanish-speaking registrants were rejected because of the way they signed their names. Registration forms contain a box for the name to be printed in full, as well as a signature space.

Many Hispanic females printed their parents' family name before their married name at the top of the form, while signing their married name in the signature box.

Morgan notes that these individuals might be rejected

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They Know Our Rights



These eight Newark high school students have received the annual \$200 scholarship awards of the Newark Human Rights Commission. Left to right, standing, Ray Charles Cornigans, Weequahic High School; Felix Howell, Barringer; Ruben Cordero, Vailsburg, and Shauncey Mott, Central. Seated, Linda Santos, East Side; Richelene McCarthy, Malcolm X Shabazz; Sharon White, Arts High, and Lennis Williams, West Side. The students were chosen for school and community service, and dedication to human rights.

HE WANTS TO PICK SOME BONES



By TOM SKINNER

Newark Patrolman Freddie McRay has this thing about bones. He goes to the slaughterhouse regularly to get shin, thigh and shank bones from the cow. Then he goes home and does a number on them. No, he doesn't eat them. But what he does do with them is quite unusual.

You see, this modest 39-year-old policeman is a self-made artist who has perfected a unique technique of sculpturing these bones into small works of art. All he needs is a sewing needle and a small drill — along with the patience of Job.

"I've been dealing with beef bones for a couple of months now," he says, "and it's really very fascinating. Of course, art's been a thing with me since I was a kid. Hey, I used to make my own toys and think nothing of it."

McRay, a native of Fayetteville, N.C., got the idea of working with animal bones by chance.

"I was in Asbury Park and I saw these wonderful pieces in a store window, made out of ivory. They fascinated me, and I wondered if something could be made of beef bones, because ivory was too expensive. So I tried it and things are turning out all right."

He plans to reproduce the images of Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, and other black heroes on an enormous bone, which will be included in an exhibit he hopes to stage in the near future.



A humble man of deep religious conviction, McRay believes his job as a policeman should be about starting people to think positively.

"I do the best I can," he says, "to treat people like I want to be treated. Everybody deserves to be respected as decent human beings."

McRay recalls he always wanted to be a policeman and "all my life I have been wearing some kind of uniform."

Before he became a Newark policeman in 1971, McRay worked as a Pinkerton security guard for seven years, then as a special policeman, and finally a court attendant. In addition, he took the exam for the Housing Authority police force and passed it.

"To many people," he says, "the police represent force and power, but I want to encourage my fellow workers to humanize such an image by developing whatever creative talents they may have."

Prior to being assigned to City Hall duty after an ulcer operation in June, McRay worked in the South District in car 515. He has received several citations for outstanding performance of duties, the most notable of which is a Police Honor Legend membership.

His wife, Louisa, is a dressmaker and they live with their two sons, 17 and 18-year-old high school students, in Newark.

CLEARING OUR AIR, HEAD TO TOW

Anti-Pollution Campaign Hitting Downtown Parkers

By C. ALAN SIMMS

Hey, Mack, is that your car out there? Well, there's a guy with a tow truck getting ready to take it away. Yeah... there's a ticket on it, too!

They've been singing that tune on downtown streets a lot lately, as the municipal parking ban in the downtown business district takes its toll on rush-hour violators. Vivien Li, Newark's director of air quality transportation control, the aggressive overseer of the municipal parking ban, reports a total of 2,253 cars have been towed from Sept. 2, when the ban started, until November 20.

The ban is in effect during the peak rush hours: 7-9:30 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. In an average week 190 cars are towed, of which 106 are out-of-towners.

"We're concerned mostly with the commuter," explains Ms. Li, who was formerly with the Mayor's Policy and Development Office (MPDO) before taking responsibility for

air quality control under the Office of the Business Administrator. Heaviest towing occurs on High, Washington, Commerce and Market Streets, accounting for 50 percent of all cars towed in a five-day period. The boundary extends as far north as Orange Street, east to Mulberry Street, south to Court Street, and west to High Street.

Ms. Li explains, "the Business Administrator (William H. Walls) has taken a hard line in favor of the program," which has come under strongest fire from Branford Place merchants. They argue that a good number of their customers are shoppers who'll park at curbside and pop into their stores for quick purchases. During a three-month period 68 autos have been towed from Branford Place.

The program is designed to reduce unsatisfactory air quality levels in the city caused primarily by auto exhaust. Newark air exceeds allowable levels for hydrocarbons by 67

percent and for carbon monoxide by 47 percent. Empowered with a \$40,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant, and a municipal ordinance, Ms. Li says it'll be mid-winter before any appreciable drop in air pollutants can be measured.

She adds that previous

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Estudiantes de Rutgers Protestan Despido Profesor Puertorriqueño

Incensados por lo que ellos consideran un continuo discrimen hacia las minorías y una falta de respeto a sus derechos estudiantiles, el estudiantado de la Universidad de Rutgers en Newark, ha protestado públicamente la acción tomada por la administración para despedir próximamente al profesor de matemáticas, Wilfredo Román. A Román se le ha negado un ascenso dentro del profesorado, y a pesar de que su labor ha sido buena, de acuerdo al criterio de evaluación utilizado por la administración, será despedido próximamente, según alega la administración.

El estudiantado estipula que no es coincidencia el hecho de que el Sr. Román sea Puertorriqueño — el único profesor Puertorriqueño que queda ahora en el Depto. Alega además que no es coincidencia tampoco el que la Universidad piense despedir 200 profesores y continúe atacando a los estudiantes y a la facultad en Rutgers.

Los estudiantes celebraron una demostración de protesta el 8 de Dic., demandando la reintegración del Prof. Román a su posición de educador. Por otro lado, el Prof. Román, conjuntamente con los profesores Alfredo Bennun y Sergio Gonzalez han presentado una querrela ante la División de Derechos Civiles del Departamento Estatal de la Ley y la Seguridad Pública contra la Universidad Estatal de Rutgers y el Decano Richard C. Robey. Se acusa al centro docente de prácticas que van contra la ley de discrimen.

Los querellantes reclaman que la Universidad y el Decano Robey han utilizado patrones y prácticas ilegales y discriminatorias de empleo, ascensos, despidos y otros términos y condiciones de empleo, con relación a ellos y a otros empleados Americanos de apellidos Hispanos. Los querellantes exigen además la compensación prevista por la ley, incluyendo, pero no limitada a pérdidas económicas, humillación, tortura mental y sufrimiento, y que tal compensación se extienda a aquellos empleados Americanos de apellidos Hispanos, que hayan sido afectados.

El estudiantado se queja además, de que el número de estudiantes que pertenecen a los grupos minoritarios, mayormente negros, Puertorriqueños e Hispanos, que reciben ayuda del Fondo de Oportunidades Económicas para Estudiantes, ha ido disminuyendo notablemente desde el Otoño de 1971. Por ejemplo, en ese año, el número de estudiantes Negros del Colegio de Artes y Ciencias que recibían ayuda, era de 610 estudiantes; Puertorriqueños, 85 estudiantes. Para 1974, la cifra bajó a 382 estudiantes negros y 50 Puertorriqueños. Al presente, solo quedan 12 estudiantes Puertorriqueños recibiendo ayuda de este programa, que fué creado originalmente para ayudar a estas minorías.

You Said It!

Compiled by KATHLEEN E. SUAREZ
with photos by AL JEFFRIES



This month our inquiring reporter, Kathleen Suarez, asked Newarkers a couple of the most hotly-debated questions of the year:

DO YOU AGREE WITH THE JUDGE'S VERDICT IN THE KAREN QUILAN CASE? IF IT WERE YOU, WOULD YOU WANT SOMEONE TO PULL THE PLUG?

The people questioned on Clinton Avenue and around City Hall were divided on Judge Robert Muir's decision that the young girl in the coma should not be cut off from life-support machines, and allowed to die. Here's what people said:



EVANS CARRINO
JOSEPH EVANS
33 Chancellor Ave.

If I was the person involved — I say over a long period of time, being almost sure the person would not recover — I would say go ahead and pull the plug.

CAROLYN CARRINO
265 Goldsmith Ave.

No, I think dying is one of the few things you have to do by yourself. Nobody can help you do that. I don't think it's right for anybody to take that dignity away from you, to make you stay alive as a vegetable and what not. I don't think it's right.



BROWN HARDING
JOSEPH BROWN
54 Lyons Place

Yes, definitely, I agree with the verdict. Everybody has a right to live. It's not a question

of a right to die, it's a right to live. Would you want someone to take your life if you were in that shape? Let them drag on as long as they can.

GEORGIA HARDING
898 So. 18th St.

No, let me live as long as I could. God gives life, let Him take it away. When it comes time for her to die — the machine won't help her no way. It's not her time.



NEWSOME CALABRESE

EVERETT NEWSOME
422 15th Ave.

I do not agree with the verdict. If an individual is in that condition, they should have the right, or the parents or whoever is in charge should have the right, to decide what is best for the person that's in that condition.

SAL CALABRESE
95 Union St.

A lot has been gained just on hope alone. Take that away from us and we've got nothing left.



MILLER LAY
ROSE MILLER
898 So. 18th St.

If it were my daughter I would want her to stay here as long as she could.

MARSHLEN LAY
874 So. 19th St.

She is a vegetable, right? There's no need to keep her alive. I would rather have someone pull the plug on me. You can't think and can't do anything, you might as well be dead.

GETS NEW POST



Jacinto Marrero, New Jersey regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and a commissioner on the Newark Human Rights Commission, was recently named national field director for NCCJ in the Northeast. He will continue to serve as New Jersey regional director.

Santa's Senior Helpers



Visitors examine handicrafts at the pre-holiday bazaar of the Newark Golden Age Project at the new Essex County Courthouse. Items were all made by senior citizens, and proceeds of sale help finance their activities.

PHOTO BY AL JEFFRIES

Information

Editorial

LIFE AND DEATH

A move is afoot to restore the death penalty in New Jersey. In a valuable public service, the Newark Human Rights Commission has called attention to this question. The commission held two days of hearings last spring; now it has issued a thoughtful, forceful report (reprinted in part on page 16). The commissioners — who represent diverse backgrounds and interests — are unanimous and emphatic in opposing the death penalty.

We appreciate the commission's work — and we support its stand. Those who seek to restore the death penalty have a valid concern about rising crime. We share that concern. There is a clear need for swift and effective justice. But should our revenge have no restraint? Should killing of criminals again become accepted official policy?

There is too much confusion about whether capital punishment really deters crime. There is too much evidence that execution is another penalty reserved for minorities and the poor — those who can't afford the best lawyers. There are too many exceptions to the popular notion that notorious criminals can never become productive citizens. There are too many cases, like that of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, in which serious questions arise years after a trial — and legal appeals, like rehabilitation, are helpful only for the living.

But the most serious question about capital punishment may have been posed by Mayor Gibson at the hearings: Do any of us have the right to kill another human being for any reason?

As we move through the holiday season into the Bicentennial year, we hope this debate becomes broader and deeper. We must somehow cut the toll of victims — whether in our streets or in our prisons. We must find an effective mixture of justice and mercy for all offenders — and not just those for whom celebrities march. And we must prevent our society from killing *anyone* — whether instantly in the electric chair or slowly, day by day, in the slums. We must see that official policy is to affirm and enrich life, not deny it.

To restore capital punishment is to retreat from decency. Let's seek solutions to our problems not in more deaths, but in better lives.

VIDA Y MUERTE

Hay un movimiento en pie para restaurar la pena de muerte en Nueva Jersey. En un valioso servicio público, la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Newark ha llamado la atención sobre este particular. La Comisión celebró dos días de audiencias la pasada Primavera. Ahora ha emitido un potente informe que nos hace pensar y que publicamos en parte en la página 16 de esta edición. Los comisionados que representan diversas disciplinas profesionales, raíces e intereses, están unánimes y enfáticamente opuestos a la Pena de Muerte.

Apreciamos el trabajo de la Comisión — y apoyamos su plataforma. Aquellos que buscan restaurar la pena de muerte tienen una preocupación válida debido al aumento en crímenes. Nosotros compartimos esa preocupación. Hay una clara necesidad de justicia rápida y efectiva. ¿Pero quiere esto decir que nuestra venganza no debe tener límites? ¿Debe volverse a aceptar oficialmente la política de matar criminales?

Hay mucha confusión sobre si la pena capital realmente detiene el crimen o no. Hay demasiada evidencia de que la ejecución es otra penalidad reservada para minorías y para el pobre — aquellos que no pueden pagar los mejores abogados. Hay demasiadas excepciones a la noción popular de que un criminal notorio jamás podrá convertirse en un ciudadano productivo. Hay muchos casos, como el de Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, en que han surgido preguntas de gran seriedad después del juicio que le condenó — y las apelaciones legales, como la rehabilitación, tan solo ayudan a los vivos.

Pero la pregunta más seria sobre la pena capital tal vez fuera expuesta por el Alcalde Gibson durante las audiencias: ¿Tiene alguno de nosotros derecho a matar a otro ser humano, por cualquiera que sea la razón?

Según pasamos de la temporada de festejos tradicionales al Año del Bicentenario Nacional, confiamos que este debate se ensanche y ahonde. De alguna manera debemos acortar el número de víctimas — ya bien sea en nuestras calles o en nuestras prisiones. Debemos encontrar la mezcla efectiva de justicia y misericordia para todo tipo de ofensor — y no solo para aquellos por quienes las celebridades marchan. Debemos evitar que nuestra sociedad mate a quien sea — ya bien sea instantáneamente en la silla eléctrica, o lentamente, día a día, en los arrabales. Debemos asegurarnos de que la política oficial sea la de afirmar y enriquecer la vida.

El restaurar la pena capital es huir de la decencia. Busquemos soluciones a nuestros problemas, no con más muertes, pero con mejores vidas.

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"This man wants to complain about our report on capital punishment."



Stan Winters

Around Our Town

Board the No. 25 bus at Springfield and South 12th Street and see the world. A strange world of ghost shops, battle-scarred buildings, and bygone people. Something for everybody: Charred storefronts, plywood windows, broken glass, steel shutters. Illegible signs worn by weather and age, posters plastered on top of posters, on top of posters. Remember Otis King? Westbrook's? Noah Marshall, Sharper, Turner, Sandra Hill? The eye sweeps over a hodge-podge familiar since the great upheaval of 1967. (But wasn't the Avenue on the skids well before then?)

What other country would tolerate such waste of human and geographical wealth? Salonika rebuilds after an earthquake. Berlin rises from wartime ruins. Hiroshima shimmers in reconstruction. Springfield Avenue, heartland of Newark, New Jersey's largest city, third oldest in the U.S., frozen in immobility...

The No. 25 maneuvers past South 11th Street, where only a memory remains of a once-proud Model Cities bus shelter at the corner. A woman talks compulsively to the bus driver: "We called the cops again last night. What is Irvington coming to? They take your name if you call too much. They put you down for a crank and won't come at all." The driver grunts sympathetically, his eyes glued to the crowded roadway.

We roll past Jacob Street. Two small boys suddenly appear from between parked cars and hurl something at the bus, then dart into an alley. Tomatoes splatter the windshield. The driver starts wipers to remove the mess but the windows remain streaked. "Goddamn..." he mutters.

A tattered neon sign reads "Fields" above a mercantile monument on the left. What does Fields sell? No clues on its worn exterior. We near Littleton Avenue. A playground stands, its slides partially dismembered, its wire fence in ribbons. Not long ago dignitaries smiled into TV cameras while dedicating it. Is nothing sacred any more? (Newark has no ancient jewels like Cologne Cathedral for the barbarians to loot. It substitutes children's toys, wrought iron railings, copper gutters, and TV sets.)

In the rear of the bus a teenager burns a cigaret. All windows are closed and the smoke wafts to the front. The nicotine-addict cuddles the butt in the palm, but the rising spiral betrays the culprit. Eyes focus elsewhere; better to die in 20 years of lung cancer, than now in an argument over illegal smoking. Another rider has a transistor radio on his lap. "Go to Basin & Basin," it commands shrilly. Then it breaks into ear-splitting noise masquerading as music. We passengers are prisoners in a hostile mini-world.

The bus churns past Morris Avenue. Fortress Foodtown looms on our left. We enter the narrow corridor that leads downtown and pass a store shell with traces of a sign above it. One makes out "Brotsky's Plumbing Supply Co." When we

wanted an odd-size pipe joint we went to Brodsky's and always got it. Where are you, Mr. Brodsky, now that we need you? Arka Woodcraft on the right somehow survives, as a dim interior light testifies.

We sail past Belmont Ave. and enter the final slope. Past Prince Street, once home to Service Food Market — everything you needed in the way of grub, delivered to your kitchen if you were ill. Past Broome, former home of Wigler's Bakery, makers of crisp rolls and succulent breads, long since departed for Millburn. Now we're at High Street, waiting for the red light to change. "Nyumba Ya Ujamma" shows evidence of life behind bright signs and intact window glass on the right. To our left, straddling Stirling Street and Springfield, is the second floor office where Ken Gibson in 1968 launched his bid for the mayoralty two years later. (But no one looks at second floors from bus windows.)

Farther north on High Street loom the sandstone columns of Essex County Courthouse and the Hall of Records. Within their massive walls, people and machines grind out justice and soak in \$147 million in annual county budgets from Newark and nearby towns. Here is the solemn refuge of legal experts, record keepers, favored friends of the party organization, someone's relatives, and the formidable apparatus of bureaucracy.

The light turns green and No. 25 grinds forward. People rise from their seats as we near Broad Street. They go to work, to shop, to collect unemployment, to hang around street corners, to hustle another day's needs. (Newark still has a little something for everybody.) The man with the transistor is gone. The teenager has doused his butt. The bus is almost empty. Quiet reigns inside as we head toward Penn Station and Newark's iron links with the outside world. In half an hour we'll be in Manhattan, another glittering example of America's urban civilization.

Letter from Reader

To Stanley Winters:

This is just a note to let you know how I appreciate receiving a copy of INFORMATION.

I feel this publication gives one a view of Newark which is not always available in our daily newspapers. It is a paper which should be of interest to many groups in Newark. Certainly the captions and columns in Spanish appeal to a population that may not be reached by other publications.

INFORMATION does make the public aware of the fact that Newark is alive and — struggling to be well.

Kenneth R. Diehl, Director
Division of Technology
Newark College of Engineering

Columnas Cubanas

YOLANDA ARENCIBIA

Se ha expresado públicamente que los consejeros del Presidente Ford le han aconsejado el dilatar las negociaciones tendientes a normalizar relaciones con la Cuba comunista, y que debido a esto, el consejo se está cumpliendo. El voto de los Cubanos es mirado con interés, pues se sabe que se puede llegar a ser importante, si la cubanidad en el exilio usa dicho recurso cívico con prudencia y determinación de causa.

Sabemos que la política internacional de Ford, a pesar de tener entre los bastidores al mismo artifice, el Dr. Kissinger, es diametralmente opuesta a la que utilizara el Presidente Nixon en su trato con los cubanos. Reconocemos que los errores del Presidente Nixon justificaron su alejamiento de la Presidencia, pero asimismo debemos reconocer que el problema cubano estaba mejor entendido en la administración anterior y que ahora, solo se nos vuelve a dar el frente por el mezquino interés eleccionario. Creo que ha sido una traición el acercamiento a la Cuba Roja procurado por el Dr. Kissinger y no hay ningún factor determinante que justifique que las manos tintas de sangre y el sacrificio de un pueblo, pasen al olvido en la atmósfera sonriente de los acuerdos traidores internacionales.

Cuba ha sido libre y debe de ser libre nuevamente. Sería una traición a los ideales de libertad del pueblo americano, hacerle creer que un acuerdo con el tirano procurará un bien para alguien. Es preferible tener a nuestros enemigos de frente y no tenerlos dentro de nuestra casa. Las muchas naciones de la O.E.A. (Organización de Estados Americanos) que han olvidado los ataques del castro comunismo y coquetean ahora con él, deberían sentirse avergonzadas, porque al hacerlo, no solo están deshonrando a los Cubanos libres, sino a sus propios pueblos que se han acunado mecidos por el himno de la libertad continental.

El comunismo llámese como se llame es una pirámide de poder; minorías regimientadas que hoy amordazaban a un tercio de la humanidad. Recordamos a quienes han traicionado la causa de la libertad, que un día deberán dar cuenta frente a sus inquisiciones. Hoy, Cuba libre está casi sola, con pocos amigos, pero valiosos. Llegue nuestro agradecimiento al valeroso Chile, al hermano Uruguay y al genuino Paraguay.

Cubanos: hoy exhorto a todos a que recapacitemos y que, cuando llegue la hora de escoger, recordemos quiénes han estado a nuestro lado, porque hoy nos hemos incorporado con lo mejor de nuestro esfuerzo a esta generosa América, pero mañana, queremos volver a nuestra patria liberada.

CUBANOS QUE TRIUNFAN

Nuevamente con ustedes para traer la noticia del éxito resonante que fue al homenaje ofrecido al Dr. Victor E. Sanchez de Fuentes, el cual le fué ofrecido por Educadores, autoridades y alumnos y un nutrido grupo de valores intelectuales de la comunidad. En el acto hicieron uso de la palabra el Dr. Ezequiel Demetrio, Profesor en la prisión de Rahway; el Dr. Eduardo Sanchez Afon, Ex-Director del Programa Bilingüe del Montclair State College; el escultor Cubano Mario Santi; la Dra. Sandra Heller, del Montclair State College, la Dra. Petra Chadman y Aramis J. Cantonnet, de la Asociación Internacional de Prensa ROU y la Dra. Ernestina Bertot, organizadora de este merecido y magnífico homenaje. En este acto le fueron entregados al distinguido Educador dos diplomas de honor y un hermoso trofeo del Círculo de Cultura Panamericano. Nuestras felicitaciones al amigo Victor E. Sanchez de Fuentes por los honores tan merecidamente recibidos.

En breve se programa llevar a cabo un homenaje al distinguido educador y escritor, Dr. Benito Maciquez Soto, con motivo de haber alcanzado, después de muchos años de noble y esforzada labor educacional, el momento del retiro. Hacemos votos porque librado de las tantas ocupaciones que le son normales y habituales, pueda dedicarse de lleno a su labor literaria. Una cita de honor es estar presentes en ese homenaje tan justiciero.

It has been reported that President Ford has been told by his advisers, to delay the negotiations which will tend to normalize this country's relations with Communist Cuba, and that this is being carried out. This has brought about a certain concern toward the power of the Cuban vote in the U.S. which, if used prudently and for the benefit of the determined cause of the exiled Cubans, can be important.

We know that the President's international policy — besides being handled closed-doors by the nation's artisan, Dr. Kissinger — is diametrically opposed to that used by President Nixon towards the Cuban community in exile. We recognize that Nixon's mistake justified his removal from the nation's presidential seat, but we also recognize that the Cuban problem was better understood by his administration.

We believe that Dr. Kissinger's approach for a coexistence with Red Cuba is an act of treason. There is no determining factor to justify forgetting the bloody hands and the sacrifice of the Cuban citizenry and substitute it with a smiling atmosphere of camaraderie bred by the treacherous international agreements.

Cuba was once free and should be free again. By telling the nation that such a coexistence is beneficial to the country, the American leaders are betraying their own democratic goals of freedom. We prefer to have our enemies face us from a distance, not inside our home.

The many nations belonging to the O.A.S. (Organization of American States) which have forgotten Castro's attacks and want now to flirt with him, should be ashamed for dishonoring the free Cubans and their own countries, which have been, until now, lulled by the hymn of continental freedom.

Just as the exiled Cubans cannot forget those who betrayed their fight for liberation, they cannot help but remember gratefully the worthy true friends who defend them: Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay.

The new administration is concerned over our vote. They are delaying matters on purpose. They fear that, now that the time for choosing is close, we will remember those who have been on our side.

They have a right to be concerned!

CUBANS WHO TRIUMPH

The testimonial dinner to honor the educator, Dr. Victor Sanchez de Fuentes, was a tremendous success. Joining Dr. Sanchez at the dias were Dr. Ezequiel Izquierdo, professor at the Rahway Prison; Dr. Eduardo Sanchez Afon, ex-director of Montclair College Bilingual Program; Dr. John Sanz, present director of the Bilingual Program of the aforementioned college; Cuban sculptor Mario Santi; Educator Sandra Heller, also of Montclair State College; Petra Chadman and Aramis J. Cantonnet of the International Press Association and Dr. Ernestina Bertot, organizer of the well deserved Testimonial. During the ceremonies, Dr. Sanchez de Fuentes was the recipient of two honorary plaques and a beautiful award from the Pan-American Cultural Circle.

Dr. Benito Maciquez Soto, the distinguished Cuban writer, who was the object of another Testimonial, is retiring after many years of noble and dedicated work in the field of education. Our best wishes to Dr. Maciques Soto. We hope that now that he is going to be free of other endeavors, he will have more time to concentrate fully on his literary talents.

On October 26 construction was started on the base which will hold the statue of General Antonio Maceo y Grajales, hero of the Cuban War of Independence, at Union City, N.J. Our congratulations to the persons who initiated the proceedings to make this possible. This is the second monument to a Cuban hero to be erected in the State of New Jersey. Last spring, Newark started construction for the base which will hold the statue of Jose Marti, at one of the parks in the city's Ironbound section.



HILDA HIDALGO

¡Grito Boricua!



Las Naciones Unidas han declarado el año 1975 como el Año Internacional de la Mujer. Este Grito va dedicado a las mujeres Puertorriqueñas — mis hermanas.

Veó a mis hermanas como entes fuertes, esforzadas en la lucha, ejecutoras, ambiciosas, determinadas y activas. La mujer Puertorriqueña, a pesar de la prevalencia de la filosofía de la diferencia de sexos que existe en la Cultura Puertorriqueña, ha logrado establecer su independencia del modo que otras mujeres Latino-Americanas (y muchas Norte-Americanas) no lo han hecho aún. Debido a que a la mujer se le asigna dentro de esta cultura la responsabilidad primaria de criar sus hijos, esta puede desempeñar el rol de importancia en la liberación de las prácticas de prejuicios de sexo y deshumanización que hay en la cultura Puertorriqueña.

Quiero presentar a mis hermanas una "lista de honor" — incompleta — de mujeres Puertorriqueñas. Esta incluye mujeres de nuestro pasado histórico así como de nuestro presente. Mujeres de la isla y mujeres que han dado por llamar "Neo-Riqueñas". Espero que mis lectores encuentren entre ellas patrones de vida positivos que les sirvan de inspiración — y un sentido de orgullo renovado por nuestra identidad nacional.

Lola Rodríguez de Tío — Autora de la letra original de la Borinquena (1868).

Mariana Bracetti — Heroína del "Grito de Lares" (1868)

Juana Colón, Concha Torres, Valentina Carreras — Líderes del Movimiento Laboral (1902).

Luisa Capetillo — Una voz clara y temprana a favor de la liberación femenina, autora de Mi Opinión sobre las Libertades y Deberes de la Mujer como Compañera, Madre y Ser Independiente. (1911)

Ana Roque de Duprey, Angela Negrón, Mercedes Salas, Carlota Matienzo, Isabel Andreu de Aguiar — Líderes del Movimiento Sufragista de Puerto Rico (1932).

Lolita Lebrón, Blanca Canales, Doris Torresola — Soldados y heroínas del Movimiento Independentista (1937).

Margot Arce de Vasquez, Carmen Rivera de Alvarado, María Teresa Babin, Loida Figueroa — distinguidas educadoras e intelectuales (contemporáneas).

Nicolasa Mohor, una joven Puertorriqueña nacida en Nueva York, que al presente reside en Nueva Jersey. Artista y Novelista, ha escrito la primera novela feminista sobre la vida de los Puertorriqueños en los Estados Unidos.

Antonia Pantoja, Yolanda Sanchez, María Canino, Carmen Maymi, María de Castro Blake, algunas de las mujeres que hoy luchan por la igualdad y reconocimiento del Puertorriqueño en los Estados Unidos.

Toda mujer Puertorriqueña que recibe ayuda del "Bienestar Público," que sea cabeza de familia y luche por la supervivencia de los suyos, que mantenga viva en sus hijos la identidad Puertorriqueña.

Toda mujer Puertorriqueña en factorías y profesiones que rehúsan aceptar el status de "segunda clase", y trabajar por su propia liberación y la de la comunidad Puertorriqueña.

Todas las jovencitas Puertorriqueñas que asisten a las escuelas y que rehúsan ser expulsadas a empujones por un sistema educacional que no es ni cabal, ni eficiente, ni humano.

A todas las mujeres Puertorriqueñas que aman a su Puerto Rico y que al igual que Lola Rodríguez de Tío sienten que:

*Aunque me alejó la suerte
de tus valles y tus lomas,
entre las blancas palomas
del ensueño logro verte...
yo sabré siempre quererte,
como llorar tus pesares,
y en tus palmas y en tus mares
ha de repetir el viento,
que es tuyo mi pensamiento
y son tuyos mis cantares.*

Todos nuestros columnistas tienen libertad de expresar sus opiniones personales. Esas opiniones no son necesariamente compartidas por los oficiales de la Oficina de Información.

The United Nations has declared 1975 as International Women's Year. This Grito is dedicated to the Puerto Rican women — my sisters.

I see my sisters as strong, striving in struggle, achieving, ambitious, determined and active. The Puerto Rican woman, in spite of the prevalence of sexism in the Puerto Rican culture, has established her independence in ways that other Latin American (and many North American) women have not. Because the woman is assigned by the culture the primary responsibility in child-rearing, she can play a major role in ridding the Puerto Rican culture of sexist, dehumanizing practices.

I present to my sisters an incomplete "honor roll" of Puerto Rican women. It includes women from our historic past and from our present. Women from the Island and the so called "Neo-Rican." I hope my readers can find among them positive role models — and a renewed sense of pride in our national identity.

Lola Rodríguez de Tío — author of the original words of La Borinquena (1868).

Mariana Bracetti — heroine of El Grito de Lares (1868), the first and only attempt by Puerto Ricans for liberation from Spanish rule.

Juana Colon, Concha Torres, Valentina Carreras — leaders of the labor movement (1902).

Luisa Capetillo — an early clear voice for women's liberation, author of "Mi Opinión Sobre Las Libertades y Deberes de la Mujer Como Compañera, Madre, y Ser Independiente." ("My Opinion About the Freedom and Responsibilities of Woman as Companion, Mother, and Independent Person") — (1911).

Ana Roque de Duprey, Angela Negrón, Mercedes Salas, Carlota Matienzo, Isabel Andreu de Aguiar — leaders of the Puerto Rican suffragette movement (1932).

Lolita Lebrón, Blanca Canales, Doris Torresola — soliders and heroines of the independence movement (1937).

Margot Arce de Vasquez, Carmen Rivera de Alvarado, María Teresa Babin, Loida Figueroa — distinguished educators and intellectuals (Contemporary).

Nicholas Mohor — a young Puerto Rican born in New York, presently residing in New Jersey, artist and novelist — has written the first feminist novel about the life of Puerto Ricans in the U.S.A., "Nilda."

Antonia Pantoja, Yolanda Sanchez, María Canino, Carmen Naymi, María de Castro Blake — some of the women in today's fight for equality and recognition of the Puerto Rican in the U.S.A.

All the Puerto Rican women receiving welfare, heads of families struggling for survival, keeping alive in their children the Puerto Rican identity. All the Puerto Rican women in the factories and the professions who refuse to accept second class status and work for their own liberation and that of the Puerto Rican community. All Puerto Rican girls in schools who resist being pushed out by an educational system that is neither thorough, efficient nor human.

To all the Puerto Rican women that love Puerto Rico and like Lola de Tío feel that:

*Though fate drove me away
From your valleys and your hills,
Through the white doves
Of my dreams I manage to see you...
I'll always know how to love you,
How to grieve for your sorrows,
And through your palms and your seas
The wind will always repeat
That yours are my thoughts
And yours are my songs.*

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JIM CUNDARI Sempre Avanti

Did you know that the American strong man, Charles Atlas, was really an Italian-American, George Siciliano?

Or that it was not J. Edgar Hoover who founded the FBI, but an Italian-American, George Bonaparte?

Or that Thomas Jefferson borrowed much of the language and ideas for the Declaration of Independence from Filippo Mazzei, an Italian living in early America?

Mankind will mark the beginning and end of recorded time. Of all mankind's efforts, chronicling of the histories of peoples is one of the most intriguing. In Newark, no man nor institution has been as successful at recording the history of our Italian people as Ace Alagna and his Italian Tribune News.

Armando "Ace" Alagna (nicknamed by Father Thomas Hessian of St. Lucy's Church for being its grammar school cross-country ace track star in 1936) was born in Newark, to Mario and Marianna Alagna. As did many before him, Papa Mario first set foot in America in 1900 on Ellis Island. With him he brought his skills as a stone mason, and a love of hard work. "Like many immigrants Papa came over thinking the streets were paved with gold," Ace recalls: "not only was there no gold but thousands like my dad wound up paving the very streets."

In 1964 Ellis was renamed Liberty Island at ceremonies presided over by President Lyndon Johnson, who on that occasion signed the Immigration Bill of 1964. On the scene was Ace Alagna. By then, he was White House Press Corps photographer to Presidents Nixon, Kennedy, and Johnson; special assignment photographer for the Newark Star-Ledger; and star camera man for the fledgling Italian Tribune — a newspaper which he would shortly own and convert into the largest Italian-American weekly in the United States.

His dream: To tell the story of a people in America.

Ace and Josie Alagna have four daughters, all born and raised in Newark and staffing the newspaper, which likewise is housed in North Newark in the shadow of the statue of Christoforo Colombo at the corner of Bloomfield and Roseville avenues.

One hundred thousand people congregate every Columbus Day around the grandstand in front of the Italian Tribune building to cheer the marchers, bands and floats participating in what has become one of the largest Columbus Day parades in the nation. The parade is sponsored by the Italian Tribune, and Ace was primarily responsible for amending the parade route so that much of it would circulate through the North Ward, where most of Newark's Italian-Americans reside.

Ace believes that "by anchoring the newspaper here in North Newark and by nestling the parade in the heart of the Italian neighborhoods, we can help stabilize our community and make a contribution to the entire city."

The Italian Tribune features three standard weekly items. One is a running commentary on the lives of Italian-American political figures throughout the state and nation: Did you know that Brendan Byrne has appointed more Italian-Americans to cabinet level posts than any governor before him? ... Or that Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and architect of the Watergate hearings, was born on Drift Street (paved over and now the site of the Colonnade apartments) and still lives in Newark?...

Another standard is the Tribune's editorial policy, which continually defends the reputations of Italian-Americans whose personal lives or policies have become targets of ethnic slurs. Most recently the Tribune challenged "People" magazine, which had alleged that Frank Sinatra had "unsavory connections." Currently the Tribune is active in a campaign to name the Sports Stadium under construction in the Hackensack Meadows after football great Vince Lombardi, and to name Interstate Route 80 officially Christopher Columbus Boulevard — "all the way from Newark to California."

Perhaps the most important and exciting of the weekly articles is the Italian Heritage magazine section. Here, reproducing old photos plucked from readers' attic trunks and chests of drawers, the Tribune recreates the history of Italians in Newark.

The 1915 Barringer High School football team which defeated East Orange, 16 to 3, at Ashland Field for the N.J. Interscholastic Championship; A 1929 Photo of a Model A Ford on whose running board sit Lou Caputo and Charlie Celentano, two of Newark's most successful businessmen; The tenth anniversary of Don Francello's Don's 21 Restaurant, at which those in attendance included Harrison Mayor Frank Rodgers, Newark Councilwoman Marie Villani, and entertainer Buddy Greco.

Photos and facts come in from all over the country as generations contribute to the recording of the Italian-American "experience" in America.

For Ace Alagna, who sold papers as a young boy for two cents apiece at the Old Hudson Tubes train station (now a parking lot by the Robert Treat Hotel), the recording of history in words and pictures goes on. In 1976, as America celebrates its bicentennial, the Italian Tribune marks its 45th year and Ace Alagna is one of the commissioners of the Newark Bicentennial Commission. In 1973 Ace was knighted by the Italian government in honor of his service to Italian and Italian-American People.

"Italians came to this country as strangers," he says, "but we remained as builders. I want to preserve that story."

OUR COLUMNISTS

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Think About It

NATHAN HEARD

I believe that in the majority opinion of the people of Newark, our main man, Mayor Kenneth Gibson, is a good and fair man, and that he has begun to emerge as an above-average administrator. I believe these qualities have been obvious for a decade (sounds like a long time, doesn't?)

The difference between a good and fair man and a politician is the concern one shows for people in time of stress. The politician resorts to expediency. The fair man seeks concrete solutions. The purpose of this column is to wonder aloud about dividing-line between our city fathers and the politician. One may say that the issue is no big thing, but that is not to say it won't become big.

The new towing procedures in downtown Newark have alarmed a number of small businessmen who find their customers literally running from their stores at 3:15 in order not to be ticketed or towed away by their so-called public servants.

I stood on Branford Place last week and watched three stores empty out as customers made bee-lines for their autos while the frustrated businessmen stood near silent cash registers. Remember when the stores used to be open till 9 or 10 at night? They close around 6 now, and with this anti-shopper towing jive, they are starting to close at 4 in the afternoon.

None of the businessmen I talked to had any complaints about ticketing or towing double-parked or overtime-parked cars. But they don't see any need to penalize cars parked legally at meters. Neither do I. Insult is then added to injury by taking the car AND the coin in meter.

Who benefits from such a hassle? Newark is not so well off that it can afford to harass people in this manner — and it ought not be so poor as to resort to such petty tactics. If the city wants more money from shoppers, then raise the meter-rates or install more of them.

People feel they're being penalized for stimulating the city's sagging economy. Gas stations are closing by leaps and bounds. Stores selling auto-related products are suffering enough already. And Newark, after all, is not the congested West 30s of Manhattan where trucks,

THEY'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THAT TOWING!



cabs, carts, bikes and passenger cars make speedy passage nearly impossible.

Newark car-owners, already one step ahead of the finance companies, now find their transportation threatened in the same manner by a piece of municipal maneuvering that is as short-sighted as it is useless. The money gained from towing won't even begin to fill a drop in the city's depleted coffers (ain't no money there).

So who's benefiting? The streets aren't being cleaned at that hour. And if it is being done to gain money, then what's the difference between the city and a stickup thug? One does it with a gun while the other does it with a pen. The motive, however, is the same: If you want something from people, take it.

I think it would be wise to quit all this towing nonsense. I repeat: Newark can't afford to drive its shoppers (what's left of them) up to Irvington and the Oranges right along with the suburbanites who, by the way, take such a large chunk of city revenue with them.

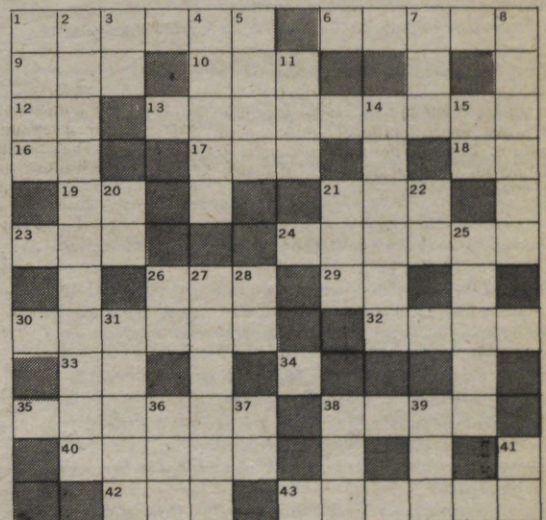
A word of advice to our city fathers: dig yourselves ... the haberdashers are whispering behind your back ... they say you've got ring around the collar. Peace be still.

You Can Think about This, Too!

by NATHAN HEARD
(Answers on page 22)

ACROSS

1. W. Edward Burghardt.
6. Mayor Gibson's nickname.
9. A musical Farmer.
10. A jazz musician plays it.
12. A curable disease (abbrev.).
13. Edward Kennedy.
16. Dipsomaniac organization (abbrev.).
17. Everything.
18. Third person masculine pronoun.
19. It's a nay.
21. Author of "The Raven."
23. A musical Stone.
24. Edit of "The O'Jays."
26. Opposite of 19 Across.
29. Tellurim (abbrev.).
30. Betty and Hurricane.
32. Prevaricates.
33. A peachy state (abbrev.).
34. Medieval Roman numeral: 2,000.
35. Police Director Williams.
38. Passé name for marijuana.
40. Black TV show, "Affair."



42. Antonym of the outs.
43. He wrote "Black Power and Urban Unrest."

DOWN

1. Given facts.
2. Whitney Young, headed it. "Express" (musical group).
3. Religion of Muslims.
5. Vend.
7. Consume.
8. What many think politicians aren't.
11. Sesame seed plant.
14. Behave like an Uncle Tom.
15. Exclamation of surprise, fear, pain, etc.
20. Yiddish exclamation.
21. Pitty (card game).
22. Cummings (poet).
25. Goose Tatum's first name.
26. Where it's (slang).
27. Longs for.
28. A vocalized pause.
31. Jewish teacher.
36. Unlimited period of time.
37. Suffix means "quality of."
38. Eel-like fish.
39. A job (slang).
41. Neuter 3rd person pronoun.

What Good Old Days?

The next time somebody tells you Newark used to be a great town, or warns that we're about to collapse, you might call their attention to the following article.

It appeared in The New York Sun on March 21, 1834 — that's right, 1834. Here's the full text, just as it was printed 141 years ago:

Alarm — Citizens of Newark! you are called upon imperiously, to rouse to vigilance and exertion for safety.

The heartrending cry of murder was raised in one of our principle streets last night. A young man of respectability was returning from a friend's house in Market st., at a late hour, and when passing a Tippling House, three ruffians accosted him without the least provocation, and before they left him he was mangled and bruised to a horrible degree.

He found his way to a friend's house, who like the Good Samaritan, bound up his wounds.

Will not the citizens of Newark immediately establish a night watch to prevent the repetition of such outrages. It is thought by many that Newark is the most disorderly town in the United States; it is high time to wipe off this reproach. (Newark Daily Advertiser)



TOM SKINNER

RHYMES ON TIME

In response to clamorous demand from absolutely nobody, this is a column of poetic (?) lines which occasionally rhyme but obviously on time:

Come deck the Hall with joy and folly,
'tis the season to be jolly.
Don we now our gay apparel,
But remember no elevator heels — they'll throw you for a whirl.
Best wishes to a long list of names
Including Bernice Bass and Councilman Sharpe James.
God rest ye merrie gentlemen and gentle sisters, too,
From this space, the season's best to you.
To Ellen Hill, Pearl Beatty, Judge Walls, Wallace White,
Earl Harris, Stanley Taylor, Ron Simmons, Nathan Wright,
Camille Savoca, Dolores McDaniel, Helen DeMyrick, D.J.,
Mary Breedy, Jerry Smith, Evelyn Woods, the NAACP's Curris Way,
Denise Trower, Al Moore, Richard Roper, Carl Dawson, Donald Harris,
Rose Gerardo, Rae Coppola, Jerry Maulsby, Police Chief Barres,
Sue Milton, Ernestine Lee, Celia Kaslow, Essie Smith, Pam Brooks,
Marianne Horvath, Henrietta Burroughs, Darlene Stout, Ruby Kelly,
Dorothy Lewis, Vi Lordi, Pearl Weaver, Vito Cassese, and let's not leave Mary Kornegay out,
And Alice Morrison, Charles Bell, "Bert" Pfeifer, Al Jeffries, Dr. Michael A. Petti,
Jim Cundari, Audrey Massiah, Shirley Green, Oliver Lofton, Carl Falsetti,
Cherie Wilcox, George Talmadge, Sandy Lombardi, Nereida Rodriguez,
Deputy Mayors Ramon Aneses and Carmen Biase, Armand Lembo,
Councilmen Donald Tucker, Jesse Allen, Mickey Bottone, Hank Martinez,
Tony Carrino, Tony Giuliano, Councilwoman Marie Villani, and City Clerk Frank D'Ascensio.
May Mayor Gibson keep Newark in the black;
May he also stay in trim on the jogging track;
May Janice Newman, Atty. Meldon Jenkins and newslady Sandy King win their women's rights;
May arbitrated peace put an end to the Bd. of Ed. fights.
May the stars in town jam at Sparky J's spot for minimum scale
Since he's the kind of dude who loves to hear musicians wail.
Mix a taste of something as a toast to Dave Dennison;
May the MPDO chief keep fat on venison.
Lift a cup of kindness to Fire Chief John Redden and his trusty crew,
Oh, yeah, gotta fill another for a good brother by the name of Dan Blue.
All joyance in this festive spirit to erudite Harry Wheeler, that venerable Dapper Dan,
Who brightens, in his patrician manner, prospects for the CETA working plan.
Let's have a double shot of Geritol for the grand old Urban Leaguer, Bill Ashby,
And all Kitty Taylor's geriatric wonders who defy the ages so spry and full of glee.
Now fill the wassail bowl and down a glass to Doug Eldridge and Bernie Moore,
Who watch the Mayor's public image from their berth on the second floor.
To Kitty Suarez, Alan Simms, Monica Rojas, Hamilton and our multi-talented amigo, Raul Davila,
Who can play any role from a P.R. man (pun intended) to the great anti-hero, Pancho Villa.
May Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis, who have created quite a stir,
Enjoy Christmas on the outside of jail with a trove of frankincense and myrrh.
To the fourth estaters in City Hall, namely Jeff Stoll and Tex Novellino,
A two-week assignment covering a beauty pageant in Lake Tahoe,
And to Police Director Hubert Williams who stays on the case,
A copy of "Crime and Punishment" embossed with J. Edgar Hoover's face.
And to all those whose names were omitted,
I plead for mercy and hope to be acquitted.
Whew! Now rest ye, merrie everyone, I've made it up to here.
Happy Kwanza, Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad and a happy new year.
And you'll be pleased to know this is the end, and thank God for that, you hear!

CARTAS AL EDITOR

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MANUEL ROSA

Canto Português



When Bernardino Coutinho comes home at night from his bakery business at 417 Chestnut St. in the Ironbound section of Newark, his wife Maria doesn't have to ask how his day went. She knows already, because she works beside him in their bakery, sharing his good and bad days. The Coutinhos are one of the thousands of Portuguese families that have made new homes in Newark. They came here 8½ years ago from their hometown of Marco de Canavezes near the northern city of Oporto.

Bernardino and Maria are an example of the type of people that are rebuilding Newark. They are concerned about their community and this writer would like to share with you their thoughts, which represent the thinking of the great majority of the Portuguese in Newark.

Maria, a shy, pleasant lady, runs the bakery and supervises its 15 employees when her husband takes time out from his 18-hour work-day to sleep or when business takes him from the bakery. Her introduction to the bakery business came as a child in her father's bakery in Marco de Canavezes. It was there she met Bernardino, who was an accountant for her father.

The Coutinhos have three children, all born in the United States. They attend a parochial school in the Ironbound. "I wanted to send them to Ann Street School, which is one of the better public schools in Newark," Maria said, "but there is always some kind of strike going on by the teachers or parents and I'm afraid to send them there."

Maria doesn't plan to return to Portugal to live, "This is my country now," she said. "I will build my children's future here." The determined mother and business woman has taken her U.S. citizenship papers and has registered to vote. Bernardino will soon join her as a U.S. citizen. The couple started their business 2½ years ago. It's taken long hours and personal sacrifices like giving up vacations, but Bernardino and Maria have established one of the best-known bakeries in Newark.

The Coutinhos' efforts to keep pace with their growing clientele have led them to expand their bakery to triple what it used to be. That means a three-fold increase in tax revenue for Newark and new jobs in a city with one of the worst unemployment problems in the country.

Like most of the Ironbound merchants and small businessmen, the Coutinhos are making a tangible contribution to the restoration of Newark. Yet these productive taxpayers are often frustrated in dealing with City Hall. "There is a tremendous lack of professional service in the city government," Bernardino said. I recently went to a particular department in City Hall and was sent to seven other departments with the same request.

No one seemed to know or care about what was going on. After spending almost a half day there, I was sent to the department where I had gone in the first place, and finally got attention. When the Coutinhos bought their home it took two years and four different visits to City Hall before the tax bill was put in their name.

Bernardino is also concerned about the assessment the city plans for his business now that he is expanding. He feels every time residents improve their homes they are penalized with tax increases averaging 100 percent, while those who let their properties deteriorate are rewarded with a low-tax assessment. The city's policy of penalizing responsible property owners and subsidizing the irresponsible ones is keeping more investments from coming to Newark — especially new business and private housing.

Bernardino and Maria look forward to joining one of Newark's business organizations. Like the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce. They would also like to see a Portuguese business group formed. He is active in the Congress of Portuguese-Speaking People and in his church. "I don't want to shirk my responsibility as a citizen," Bernardino says. "This country and community have been good to us."

Although Bernardino is a firm defender of his adopted country, he thinks Americans are paying a heavy price for the lack of respect for authority, people, and property that exists in many places here. "I would like to see more police walking in our neighborhood at night," he says. "That alone isn't the answer for Newark's many problems. But people must be safe in their own neighborhood before they can help build a better city."

Like his neighbors and fellow businessmen in the Ironbound community, he is optimistic about the city's future. "Ever since I came to America, I've heard people say Newark is dying," he says. "But I know Newark is not only alive, it's growing." And the Portuguese-Americans of the Ironbound are anxious to grow along with Newark.

Quando Bernardino Coutinho, regressa pela noite a casa, depois de mais um dia de trabalho, no seu negócio de padaria em 417 Chestnut St. na secção do Ironbound em Newark, a sua esposa Maria, não precisa de lhe perguntar como passou o dia. Ela já o sabe, pois trabalha a seu lado, compartilhando com ele, bons e maus dias. Os Coutinhos são uma das milhares de famílias portuguesas, que fizeram em Newark o seu novo lar. Vieram para aqui à cerca de oito anos e meio deixando a sua terra natal Marco de Canavezes, uma vila nortenha cerca da cidade do Porto.

Bernardino e Maria são o exemplo da qualidade de pessoas, que estão reconstruindo esta parte de Newark. Eles preocupam-se com a comunidade onde vivem, e o autor destas linhas gostaria de compartilhar consigo algumas das suas ideias, que representam também a maioria do pensamento dos portugueses em Newark.

Maria, uma senhora modesta e simpática dirige e supervisa a padaria e os seus 15 empregados, quando o marido depois de 18 horas de trabalho diário, se retira para algumas horas de repouso, ou quando em viagens de negócio é obrigado a deixar a padaria. A sua experiencia no negócio de padaria já vem dos seus tempos de criança, seu pai tinha o mesmo ramo de negócio em Marco de Canavezes. Foi lá que ela conheceu Bernardino, pois ele era contabilista de seu pai.

Os Coutinhos têm três crianças todos nascidos nos Estados Unidos. Eles atendem uma escola paroquial no Ironbound, o seu desejo era matricular-los no Ann Street School, a qual é uma das melhores escolas publicas de Newark.

Maria não tenciona regressar a Portugal para viver. "Este é agora o meu país!" diz ela. E é aqui que eu desejo construir o futuro dos meus filhos. Esta determinada mãe e mulher de negócios já obteve a cidadania Americana, e logo se registou para votar. Bernardino brevemente irá fazer companhia também como cidadão Americano. Este casal começou o seu negócio à cerca de dois anos e meio. Foram necessários muitas horas de trabalho e sacrifício pessoal tais como não haver férias etc. Por isso Bernardino e Maria conseguiram criar uma das conhecidas e melhores padarias de Newark.

Tal como muitos dos pequenos comerciantes e homens de negócio, que contribuem com alguma coisa, para a revitalização de Newark. Esses produtivos contribuidores sentem-se por vezes frustrados nas suas relações com a camara municipal. Existe uma tremenda falta de pessoal profissional na administração da cidade, diz-nos Bernardino tive de dirigir-me a um certo departamento da camara, e dali mandaram-me para sete departamentos diferentes todos para a mesma coisa.

Parece que ninguém sabe o que se passa ou que não querem saber de nada. Depois de ter passado quase meio dia de um departamento para o outro, mandaram-me novamente para o departamento inicial onde finalmente me prestaram alguma atenção. Quando os Coutinhos compraram a sua casa levou-lhes dois anos e quatro visitas sómente para mudarem os impostos para seu nome.

Bernardino encontra-se preocupado com os planos que a cidade tem para revalorização do seu negócio. Agora que se encontra em franca expansão, ele pensa que toda a vez que um residente melhora a sua casa, os mesmos são penalizados com aumento de impostos na ordem dos 100% por cento, enquanto que outros que deixam cair as suas propriedades são beneficiados com impostos baixos no valor da propriedade. Este sistema da cidade em penalizar proprietários, conscienciosos e responsáveis, enquanto vão ao mesmo tempo beneficiando proprietários irresponsáveis têm evitado novos investimentos para Newark. Especialmente novos negócios e propriedade privada.

Bernardino e Maria pensam em aderir a uma das associações de negócio de Newark. Tal como a "Camara de Comercio." Igualmente gostariam de ver criado uma associação de comercio e negócios portugueses. Ele é já activo no Congresso de pessoas de lingua portuguesa, e ainda na sua igreja. "Eu não desejo fugir às minhas responsabilidades de cidadão," diz-nos Bernardino, este país e comunidade têm sido bons para nós.

Enquanto Bernardino é um forte defensor da sua Pátria adoptiva, ele pensa no entanto que a América está pagando um preço pesado, pela falta de respeito que existe pelas autoridades, pessoas e propriedades, que existe em muitos lugares.

Tal como os seus vizinhos e colegas de negócio na comunidade do Ironbound, ele é optimista quanto ao futuro da cidade. "Desde que cheguei à América sempre tenho ouvido pessoas dizer... Newark está a morrer, diz ele, mas eu sei que Newark continua viva e em franco progresso." E os Luso-Americanos do Ironbound estão ansiosos por progredir juntamente com Newark.

MINDING THE MEDIA

By TOM SKINNER

There is seldom any compelling urge in this corner to extol the glowing virtues of television, American-style, mainly because they are so few in comparison to its failings. Yet, even the most severe critics of the ignorant box can on occasion find something worthy of praise.

For instance, I made it over to the Newark campus of Rutgers several weeks ago to check out Dave Marash, whose star is currently shining bright as the anchorman on CBS's local 11 o'clock news report. According to the New York Daily News, Marash is "virtually a radical in the often bland world of TV news."

Six-foot tall, with a full beard and frazzled hair, as the CBS press release reads, sure enough Marash came striding down the aisle in Rutgers' Smith Hall with cigar in hand. The hall was crowded with academic types who apparently came to see a real live "stand-up" by one of television's more literate newscasters.

So Marash took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves, lit his cigar and went to work in his best professional manner. Of course, he's an old hand at this sort of thing, having taught English and film at Rutgers a short time ago. As a Rutgers graduate, a few credits short of his Ph.D. in English literature, Marash came off very impressive with some pungent observations on the media.

In answer to a question regarding the way American television distorts news about African people, Marash said:

"First of all, TV does an absolutely reprehensible job of covering not only Africa, but the whole Third World. In fact, in virtually everything but the United States, TV news coverage has become more and more isolationist. And I think the social impact of that is plain.

"There are some economic excuses," he continued. "That is, a TV news bureau represents a much larger investment than a broadcast news bureau. There is also a kind of self-fulfilling prophecy here; the less coverage American TV gives to news abroad, particularly Third World news, the less of an appetite and less of a convention it creates in its audience, and this then is perceived by the TV people as less of a constituency in the audience, and therefore it is less compelling to them that they cover this news. Anything as abstract as a moral responsibility to present a balanced view of events of the whole world appears to be in the realm of fantasy as far as most executives of news organizations are concerned."

Listen to what Marash says about the popular Eyewitness News Show on Channel 7 (ABC): "It seems to me that Eyewitness News redefined television news for the better in the mid-1960s with one critical perception, and that is, following that, most Americans no longer related to authority generation. That is to say, they did not go to some old mentor to find out truth. But what they went to was what I call a 'hip' peer. Somebody who was of their social group and of their age group, but whose special expertise gave them more training, gave them more credibility. And what Eyewitness News tried to give a facsimile of was that 'hip' peer rather than Walter Mentor.

"To the extent that it really does reflect changes in the mass of American society, it probably does reflect the future of television news. I think that in 20 years news will look more like local news than it does current network shows."

Marash said so-called objectivity in news coverage is a "crock," and no journalist is objective about anything.

"What we try to be," he said, "I think, is fair. To suggest that our story does have a point of view and that there are other points of view. And furthermore, that our point of view implies certain logical assumptions."

CROSSING OUR ENGLISH CHANNEL

On occasion there have been some critical remarks in this space about WNET-TV, hereafter to be referred to as the English Channel (13) because of its current focus in programming. To be sure, WNET President John Jay Iselin must be the biggest little Anglophile in the history of television. To what extent his anglophilia goes is a matter of conjecture, but one thing appears certain: In the eyes of many critics, it has already gone a bit too far.

As the descendant of John Jay, the first chief justice of the United States, 41-year-old Iselin boasts impeccable credentials — born into Southern textile money, educated at St. Mark's and Harvard (class of '56), holder of an M.A. in law and Ph.D. in political science from Harvard.

For all his obvious erudition, however, it has become increasingly apparent that he's making a mess of things at Channel 13.

"Obviously, I'm responsible for what's happening here," he reportedly said. "It's my obligation to see that a project is well administered once it has taken off. We're disappointed in the procedures we set up to manage the project. We had a breakdown in procedures."

Iselin was alluding to the recent budget overrun of \$1.5 million for the station's drummed-up "Adams Chronicles," a 13-part hour-long series on the lives of four generations of the Adamses and their impact on American history. The series is slated to debut in January. Meanwhile, the cost of this series has wrought havoc at Channel 13 — which is still licensed officially to Newark, although it pays scant attention to our town.

Although Iselin has apparently been able to deal with the station's board of trustees, to whom he reports, the troops are restless. Employees are uptight about their jobs; staff is hassling with management; management is jockeying with the board and naturally the public — which mainly provides the money — is up the creek. "We had a full review of the problem," a trustee said, "and I can assure you it won't happen again."

The neglect of local programming is perhaps the greatest criticism leveled against Iselin, who's been at the helm for the past four years. And if space allowed, I could argue a very strong case that the cultural snobbery of people like Iselin has turned Channel 13 into an overseas affiliate of the BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.).



A CHAPLAIN'S CHRISTMAS

By REV. WILLIAM E. CHRISTIAN

Each year during the Christmas season, we are reminded that a Saviour was born. It's a good thing too. Because if we were not reminded, most of us would have forgotten it long ago. Many of us remember a Saviour was born but have forgotten the purpose for which He came into this world.

Let's look at the record. In the beginning, the world and man were created in perfect harmony and balance. Everything was in perfect communication with everything. Man was perfectly made in the image and likeness of God. Man was designed to live forever and ever without care or worry.

Built into man was the very complex ability to choose. There came a time in the life of man when he had to call upon this God-given gift to make a choice. Man was to choose between obeying God and disobeying God. Man chose to disobey.

Once man decided to disobey God, rather than obey, man introduced into a perfectly harmonious situation a large degree of imbalance. Imbalance and discord began from the moment the decision became an act of disobedience. At the same time death was introduced into the life of man.

But what about the man God had created? What was to become of him? Man was hopelessly lost and destined for destruction. But God did not want it that way. God wanted to salvage man, to redeem him; but man by this time had removed

himself so far from God, that God could no longer reach him through any communication. Mankind was lost.

God loved man, so God caused a Child to be born of an earthly mother whose Father was God himself. This Man-child was perfect, just like the first man God created. The Child grew and remained perfect without disobeying God in any way. He was tested and tried with every temptation the world had to offer, and survived without once disobeying even the smallest law of God.

This son of God was born for the express purpose of dying for man's disobedience. God sent Him into the world to be an example, showing men how they ought to live. Finally, the Son of God was to die of mankind, so that man could be relieved of the burden of his own acts of disobedience.

The Son of God died just as he was told, not for himself, because he was perfect. He died for mankind. Through this act, man is able to escape certain destruction, if he accepts and believes in the Son of God. The Son of God, whose name is Jesus, became our Saviour. Let's not forget the purpose for which he was born.

Rev. William E. Christian is pastor of New Dawn Baptist Church in Newark and chaplain of the Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association.

LETTER - Martinez Rebuts Critic

EDITOR'S NOTE: In our October issue, Kathleen Suarez asked a number of people in the streets to name the people they most admire. One woman, Ms. Brenda Davis of 376 Fairmount Ave., said she did not admire Councilman Henry Martinez, and charged that he had her husband's car towed from Hayes Park East Pool. Councilman Martinez submitted the following response:

Dear Ms. Suarez:

This is in response to Ms. Brenda Davis' statement published in the INFORMATION newspaper dated October 1975.

As we are all aware, there are two sides to every story and I welcome the opportunity to respond with the following statement.

On the date in question, when her husband's auto was towed away, and it was, she failed to mention that there were four other autos parked on Raymond Boulevard at the intersection of Waydell Street. Which is similar to parking on Highway 1 & 9. She also failed to mention how many near-accidents could have been caused by these illegally parked cars. There was also no mention made of how a Newark police car with two police officers parked their car with the dome light flashing while the police officers went to Hayes Park East Pool to request the owners of the illegally parked cars remove same or they would be towed away. As a result the owners of the other vehicles responded and removed their cars immediately. Mr. Davis did not respond until he observed a tow truck in the process of removing his auto. At no time did I know whence Mr. Davis

lived nor was I concerned. My primary concern is for 80,000 residents of the East Ward, their safety and welfare.

I do not know if Mrs. Davis feels that the law should be broken, whether it be in this case or any other, and that it should be condoned or overlooked by a City Councilman, then I will have to disagree with her. If I am aware that a law is being broken intentionally, I call for the police to enforce the law and will continue to do so.

I would also like to bring to Mrs. Davis' attention that I do not discriminate against non-ward residents although I am in favor of East Ward facilities for East Ward residents. Approximately one week prior to Mrs. Davis' incident with me I went to the Hayes Pool at 4 a.m. and observed indecent pool party occurring. I called for the police and had the group arrested and fined; yes, they were East Ward residents. But, I cannot stand by and see a few people destroying something that brings recreation and enjoyment to many.

In conclusion, I don't know whence Mrs. Davis received a \$2 ticket from, because I am sure in the City of Newark there are no \$2 ticket fines for illegal parking.

I would hope in her heart to say how Councilman Martinez went to the towing operator and asked that his car be released to him without charge!!!!!! Yes, there are two sides to every story.

Henry Martinez
Councilman
East Ward

THEATER - 'Sam Carter Belongs'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are excerpts from a review of the play, "Sam Carter Belongs Here," by Wade Hudson. It was produced recently at the Ark Theater in Symphony Hall. This review was published originally in the Rutgers Observer.

By SANDRA WEST WHITEURS

The "discordant Black family" experts would burn the script of "Sam Carter Belongs Here." Not because Sam Carter's family beat economic pressures. They didn't. Not because members of this family survived the pitfalls of jail, no education, teenage pregnancy or welfare status. Playwright Wade Hudson put them through all those things, but added a proud, loving, determined and, therefore, successful father image.

Sam Carter's family was etching out a below-poverty level existence even when he caught that mule every Monday morning, as the saying goes. But the unit was cemented together with love. They truly kept each other, sacrificed much for each other's well being.

Laid off from work, Sam's family slowly laid HIM off as father/husband. To keep the family going, sickly wife Jenny was forced to work for Miss Ann, constantly reminding Sam that he "wasn't no good no more" and accusing him of adultery and laziness instead of job hunting.

The oldest son, Sonny, donated to the family bill pile the bit of college money that was saved especially for ("so he could make something of himself") and joined the Army. Jenny never forgave the jobless Sam for allowing Sonny to deter his education and her dream. Another son graduated from street to reform-school, and Gail,

the only daughter, became fruitful and multiplied.

Sam Carter, like all classic tragic heroes before him, bore the tragic flaw of excessive, self-destructive pride. In an effort to rescue his family Sam invested his pride and his very life. His last \$35 went into a \$20,000 life insurance policy the day before he rigged his own death. Times were difficult to the end for the insurance company announced, on the eve of his funeral, their refusal to compensate for an obvious suicide. The family is left in the same sinking boat with no lifeguard in sight but welfare.

All players of Newark's Theatre of Universal Images, Inc., are able (especially Ruth Bynum as Bern), but Marshall Sampson illuminates. His portrait of Sam Carter evidences total emergence. Maybe Jenny didn't believe he was looking for work all day every day, but I did 'cause that man was bent and dusty! Sampson mastered the worn walk of a man who had gone to surrounding counties in search of a job, and he has such professionalism and concentration throughout his entire performance.

The weakest link in the presentation was the set design. A wing and border set (perfectly legit technique for depicting kitchen and living room on one small stage) was painted vivid blue and green. For this tragedy, those colors were criminal...

The time structure is a little jagged, but the accents and warm characterizations were perfect.

Aristotle felt the thesis of tragedy was that "man learns through suffering." The denouement of the piece brings it on home that Sam Carter, dead or alive, belongs.

SCENES of '75: A Year in Pictures



Mayor Gibson chats with President Ford at the Robert Treat Hotel on Nov. 1 during President's visit to Newark. PHOTO BY RAY JONES

On these six pages you'll find a pictorial review of the last year — some of the people and events that may be worth remembering from 1975. We don't claim this is a complete picture of the year, or that it includes all major news. But it may give you a few new glimpses of life in Newark, particularly in and around City Hall. Most of these pictures were taken by ALBERT JEFFRIES and ROBERTA PFEIFER of the INFORMATION staff.



Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, receives a home-made greeting from a group of young Newarkers during her recent visit to the annual conference of the New Jersey Welfare Council. Mrs. King, co-chairman of the National Committee for Full Employment, shared podium with Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson.



Three new fire engines and a rescue truck, with a total value of about \$250,000, were dedicated in recent ceremony on steps of City Hall. Standing by the lime yellow vehicles are, from left, Fire Director John Caufield, Council President Earl Harris, Councilman Anthony Carrino, Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, Councilman Donald Tucker, and Fire Chief Joseph Redden.



Patrolman Richard Moncrief of mounted squad gives his horse a workout, and gets a kiss of gratitude, during Police Week observance opposite City Hall. Emergency Sgt. Louis Temicola outlined bomb disposal techniques, and Patrolman James Leski displayed rescue equipment.



Councilman Sharpe James, second from left, gives sendoff to members of the Weequahic Park Racquet Club as they depart for ATA Tennis Tournament in San Diego, Calif. From left are Alton Ruffin, James, Sandy Ward, Scott Harden and Medford Hawley.



During a check of affirmative action efforts at Newark construction sites, Mayor Gibson chatted with masons in the Clemente-Shalom Tower near Lincoln Park, and received report on progress at new Court Street apartments. Mayor also conferred with other officials.



Demonstrators took to the streets for a number of causes during the year. (left) Strike against N.J. Blue Cross-Blue Shield on Washington Park lasted several months and was marked by clashes between pickets and police. United Hospitals on S. 9th Street was the target of protestors and labor organizers, but employees rejected a new union after intensive campaign.



Honors for His Honor...



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Stephen Adubato, director of North Ward Educational and Cultural Center, proclaims Mayor Gibson an honorary Italian during Scarab dinner.

Watching proudly as Mayor Gibson receives the Fiorello LaGuardia award at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York are the Mayor's daughters, Cheryl and JoAnn; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gibson; his wife, Muriel, and another daughter, Mrs. Joyce Williams.

During the last year Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson received a number of honors. Two of the most important were the Fiorello LaGuardia Award, presented by the New School for Social Research in New York to those who have contributed to the cities, and the "roasting" by the Scarabs, a professional men's organization which conducts an annual scholarship drive. Here are a few intimate scenes from those observances, as well as two other highlights of the Mayor's year.



Rep. Peter W. Rodino, center, shares light moment with Mrs. Elayne Brodie, chairman of Title I Central Parents Council, at Scarab affair.



City Council President Earl Harris gets a boutonniere adjustment from State Sen. Wynona Lipman before joining guests on dais.



Two-level conversation is carried on by Mayor Gibson and Rep. Peter W. Rodino and their wives before the Mayor was "roasted" at annual scholarship benefit dinner of the Scarabs at the Robert Treat Hotel.

Dr. Stanley Bergen, president of N.J. College of Medicine, exchanges pleasantries with Harold Hodes, aide to Mayor Gibson, and Mrs. Ann Klein, state commissioner of institutions and agencies.



...And Some Tests of Mind and Body for Newark's Main Man



Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, far right, met the press, Newark-style, at a news conference sponsored by the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce. Facing the Mayor are, from left, Brian Smith of the New York Daily News; Robert Dubill of Associated Press; Jim Collis of WNBC-TV (Channel 4) and Sandra King of The Star-Ledger.



Mayor Gibson ran 7 miles with members of the Unione Carabinieri, an organization of Italian police officers, to help raise funds for fight against Cooley's anemia. In center, in striped suit, is Patrolman Harry Romeo, who organized the run and went the whole distance — 65 miles — to Seaside Heights.

SCENES: Let's Celebrate!



Young people display African Black heroes and heroines, Street School. A number of



Old or young, Newarkers welcome every opportunity to celebrate — a parade, a picnic, a religious procession, a visit from a celebrity. Even rain doesn't stop the festivities. Here are some of the happy occasions of the last year, including three parades that were shown in previous issues of INFORMATION, and the more recent Columbus Day parade. In the photos above are some singers at a Senior Citizens Commission dinner at St. Rose of Lima Church, and young guides from Aspira at the first Puerto Rican Heritage Festival at the Garden State Arts Center.



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RON SIMMONS

The little girl above preferred to watch the Puerto Rican Statewide Parade alone with her flag, but many other children — and even some pets — joined the marchers (at right). In other parades this year, motorcyclists performed during the Crispus Attucks-Martin Luther King observance in Broad Street, and Gov. Brendan T. Byrne met some fair colleens on St. Patrick's Day in Vailsburg.



Alvin Attles (right), head coach of the Golden State Warriors, was honored with round of activities in his home town of Newark recently, including reading of proclamation of "Alvin Attles Day" by Elton Hill, assistant city business administrator.



Smokey Robinson, the singer, was all smiles as he greeted Mayor Gibson at kickoff of vacant lot cleanup campaign, but the smiles were more strained for music fans who stood in rain and waited in vain for entertainers to perform in lot across from City Hall.



Gov. Brendan Byrne, Mayor Gibson with several thousand other people — the Kenneth A. Gibson Association at

Buon Giorno!



in dances and fashions, and pictures of at Black Heritage program at Warren city schools sponsor such programs.



Rain failed to halt the 76th annual observance of the Feast of St. Gerard, held each October at St. Lucy's Church in the North Ward. Many Italian-Americans marched through the streets with the saint's statue, covered with a plastic rain cape and ribbons of money from parishioners grateful for the saint's favors. (1974 photo)



and Freeholder Donald Payne — along turned out for the annual picnic of Sun Tan Lake in Riverdale.



Attractions at this year's Columbus Day parade included many marching units; Rep. Peter Rodino and Ace Alagna, publisher of the Italian Tribune (upper left); Sen. Anthony Imperiale and an untamed lion (note the bloody hand), and senior citizens who believe in free expression.



This dance troupe was one of many performing arts groups that appeared at the first annual Puerto Rican Heritage Festival at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J.



Newark's Bicentennial celebration officially began last April when Gov. Byrne presented a flag to Mayor Gibson in City Hall. At left is Deputy Mayor Ramon Aneses.



Esther Rolle, who plays the mother on the "Good Times" television series, found many hands outstretched in greeting during a recent tour of Newark. She visited Newark Boys Chorus School and Fuld Senior Citizen Center, as well as several other local institutions.



'75 SCENES: Whereas...

Almost every day or week has some special meaning to someone, and many of these occasions are marked by official city proclamations, and recorded by city photographers. Here we depict some of these observances — only a small fraction, really, but enough to show the great variety of interests that receive formal recognition at City Hall. Making the presentations are Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson and Deputy Mayors Ramon Aneses and Carmen Biase.



ATTACKS-KING PARADE: Daniel W. Blue, executive director, Newark Human Rights Commission; Rudolph Kinchen, parade director; Mayor Gibson; Charles Whigham, grand marshal.



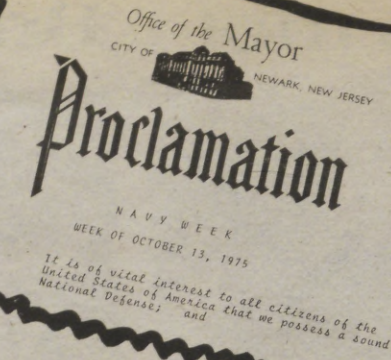
IRISH WEEK: Thomas Giblin, grand marshal of St. Patrick's Day parade; Rose Duffy, deputy marshal; Mayor Gibson; Sheriff John Cryan.



COLUMBUS DAY: Ace Alagna, publisher of Italian Tribune News and executive director of Columbus Day parade, and Mayor Gibson.



GENERAL PULASKI DAY: Renita Jarosz; Alice Pasierbek; Mayor Gibson; Joseph Falkowski, grand marshal of Pulaski Day parade; Henry Lenard.



BARRINGER HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM APPRECIATION: Archie Ray, team co-captain; Mayor Gibson; Steve McCoy, team co-captain.



JERRY LEWIS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TELEPHON: Ms. Marie Connolly, administrator of United Hospitals, and Deputy Mayor Biase.



EASTER SEAL MONTH: Mayor Gibson and Jeffrey P. Ruddy, Essex County chairman of New Jersey Easter Seal Society.



FIRST ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL: Trish Morris, director of CHEN Day Care Center; Deputy Mayor Aneses; children from CHEN center.



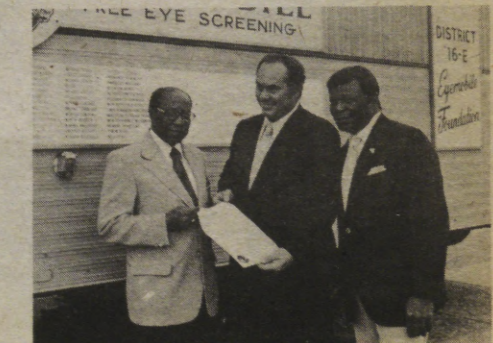
LOYALTY DAY: Frank Thomas, past commander, District 4, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Walter MacEachern, commander, Firemen's Post; Deputy Mayor Biase; Robert Wallace, commander, Essex VFW.



NAVY WEEK: Chief Sy Beckham; EA/2 Roman Hnatowski; Deputy Mayor Aneses; Ensign Tony Russell; Quartermaster/3 Richard Kinney.



WOMEN'S RIGHTS DAY: Mayor Gibson; Connie Gilbert-Neiss, president of Essex County NOW; Ruth McClain, Women's Political Caucus of Essex County; Janice Newman, president of Newark NOW.



LIONS WORLD SERVICE DAY: Edward J. Bolden, district governor, Lions International; Mayor Gibson; James Keys, publicity chairman of Lions.



Branch Brook School, which serves children with orthopedic handicaps, was judged cleanest and best-kept school in the city in recent contest. Taking part in award ceremony are, from left, Ellen McCabe, principal of Branch Brook; Paul Braxton, director of custodial services; Alice Richardson, principal of Arlington Avenue School, which was second in competition, and Bernard Cook, student at Branch Brook.



Mrs. Mamie Burns, whose husband, Officer Richard Burns, was shot to death during a tavern holdup last February, receives a memorial citation from Officer Robert Federici, president of the Fraternal Order of Police. Looking on is Police Director Hubert Williams.



One of the 40,000 new water meters being installed throughout Newark is demonstrated by Joseph Paradise, center, director of Division of Water Accounting, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shepherd, 94 Tuxedo Parkway, as Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson watches. Paradise holds "reading gun," which records figures from outdoor meter. Under new system, meter readers will not have to enter buildings. Citywide conversion of meters is expected to take three years.

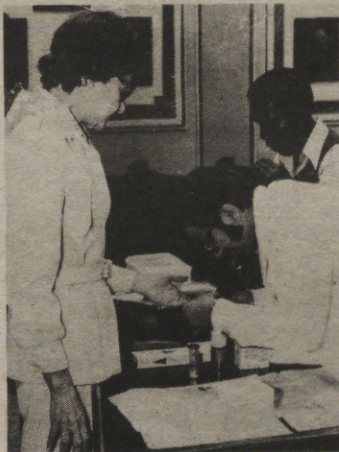


Two workmen — one on a scaffold, and the other on his shoulders — remove a storm-damaged cross from the top of the steeple of the 125-year-old House of Prayer Episcopal Church at 407 Broad St. Later, our fearless photographer climbed out on the lower scaffold for a look straight up the stone tower at the steeplejacks. Cross was loosened by wind, and in danger of crashing into Broad Street.



Curtis Rand, right, assistant vice president of Weequahic office of Midlantic National Bank, watches as Leonides Irizarry, family health care worker for N.J. College of Medicine, takes blood pressure reading from Paul Braxton. Bank was scene of free hypertension screenings.

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Many city employees took part in sickle cell anemia testing in Newark City Council chamber, sponsored by Sickle Cell Anemia Project of Newark NAACP. Testing is also available at NAACP Multi-Purpose Center, 505 Clinton Ave.



Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson sought to dedicate a park opposite City Hall recently, but ceremony was disrupted by shouting Blue Cross strikers, who complained of police abuses at picket line outside company headquarters. Dedicated or not, new "instant park" has drawn steady use.



The Medical Tower building at 31 Lincoln Park was abandoned by its owner and left wide-open for several months, but city's Engineering Department arranged to have entrances of 15-story building sealed to prevent vandalism until rehabilitation can begin.



Newly painted sanitation trucks line up for inspection in front of City Hall. All municipal vehicles, except police and fire, are to be painted blue and white, with green stripes, as part of program to improve city's image.

'75 SCENES: That's All!

NEWARK HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT

DEATH PENALTY: IT'S NOT JUSTICE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Newark Human Rights Commission recently issued its "Report on Public Hearing on Capital Punishment." The report includes a summary of the testimony at the hearings last May 12 and 13 at City Hall. Speakers included representatives of 17 organizations, six elected officials, and 15 private citizens. The majority of speakers opposed the death penalty. Here are excerpts from the commission's report:

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Newark Human Rights Commission Hearings on Capital Punishment arose from a specific request by a member of the Municipal Council, Councilman Donald Tucker. Councilman Tucker's request, pointing to the alleged discriminatory manner with which capital punishment has historically been practiced in this country, was discussed at a regular meeting of the Commission. Following a lengthy discussion, the Commission voted to hold public hearings on the subject of capital punishment. It was felt that members of the public deserved an opportunity to express their views on as crucial a matter as the death penalty. The Commission further realized its obligation to respond to the allegations that such punishment, if reinstated in the State of New Jersey, would indeed be imposed in a discriminatory manner against the residents of the city, as well as the state. The Commission voted to hold both afternoon and evening sessions, in order to provide an opportunity for all segments of the Newark population to speak. The staff was requested to undertake an extensive publicity program with the aim of alerting a large segment of the population of the availability of the hearings.

The hearing panel consisted of Reverend John R. Sharp, Chairman of the Commission, and eight Commissioners appointed by him. They were: Ms. Hope Jackson, First Vice Chairman, Mr. Manuel Giraldo, Mr. Joseph Manghisi, Mr. Jacinto Marrero, Mr. Carl Peterman, Mr. Courtney Weekes, Dr. Russel Greco, and Mr. Daniel Warnock. These Commissioners served as an impartial panel, for the purpose of gathering the information. Orientation sessions were held in order to assist the Commissioners in the task at hand. Personal views were neither expressed nor considered at the time of the hearings.

NEWARK HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION POSITION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The Newark Human Rights Commission, having completed public hearings on the subject of Capital Punishment, and more particularly, on the reintroduction of legislation that would again make such punishment legal in New Jersey, is overwhelmingly and resolutely opposed to the reintroduction of Capital Punishment in the State of New Jersey.

This Commission was created to protect the human rights of the citizens of Newark. We are convinced, upon study of the public testimony and printed material, that Capital Punishment, as it has historically been practiced, would, if reinstated in New Jersey, be an affront to the very mandate this Commission has to protect the human rights of Newark's citizens. This Commission is in full accord with those who testified at the hearing that they saw no way to condemn murder by an individual while legislating it for the State. It is immoral for the State to take away what it could in no way ever give back. The immorality of capital punishment becomes ever more clear when one notes — as has been proven time after time — that the act accomplishes nothing but death. The existence of capital punishment does not

"There is a higher question relative to the death penalty and that is whether or not we as human beings have the right ourselves to decide whether or not another human being should live."

—Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson

"Capital punishment is cruel and unusual violation of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution... a barbaric practice, it has no place in this civilized society."

—Charles Tonic,
Coalition for Penal Reform

"Capital punishment is the cornerstone of any credible system of law enforcement... once (a killer) has been eliminated, he is forever incapable of killing again."

—Councilman Henry Martinez



Newark Human Rights Commission recently held hearings on the move to restore the death penalty in New Jersey. From left to right are Commissioners Manuel Giraldo, Daniel Warnock,

Joseph Manghisi, Rev. John Sharp, chairman, Hope Jackson, Courtney Weekes and Carl Peterman. Most of speakers were opposed to capital punishment.

deter persons at all. Studies have, in fact, shown a higher rate of capital crimes in states which have the existing legislation, while abolitionist states have enjoyed lower rates of such crimes. The immorality is further exhibited in the discriminatory manner in which such legislation has historically been administered.

The evidence of discriminatory practice, aimed chiefly at minorities, is overwhelming. The testimony of Newark's citizens in viewing such practice as discriminatory is also overwhelming; resulting in 89% of the groups and 73% of the individuals who spoke opposing Capital Punishment in any form.

In the two-day hearings, we were repeatedly reminded by the representatives of community organizations and concerned individuals that it was they — the poor and the black residents of New Jersey's largest city — that would suffer the brunt of this legislation. Studies were brought to our attention to show that the pattern of application in New Jersey was the same as in other states, that is, equally as discriminatory in application.

Whereas nearly half of the blacks convicted of capital crimes were executed in New Jersey, less than one third of the whites, convicted of the same crimes, suffered the ultimate penalty. The discrepancy grows even greater when one looks at the record of commutation in New Jersey, where whites were twice as likely to have their sentences commuted as were blacks. The existence of discrimination is not simply limited to the victims of racism; the added need of expensive legal proceedings means that the poor, of any race, creed or religion, are at a disproportionate disadvantage. Capital Punishment has been called the "privilege of the poor."

We are acutely aware that the economic plight of our country, the rising frustrations of our poor and unemployed, and the physical conditions of our center cities produce breeding grounds for violence and bloodshed. We see the need to banish these, the "murderers" of our people, if society is ever to be truly just.

In a just society, those who are seemingly unable to cope with life in a rational and non-violent manner will be aided rather than further persecuted. Even as society must be protected from them, they must be protected from an angry society that has created them.

This Commission, composed of representatives from the disciplines of law, education, medicine, religion, penal enforcement, mental health and social service, believes that alternatives can and must be found for the creation of a sane and just society in our cities and our states. It is time that those who frame our laws, as well as those who enforce them, put aside the emotional arguments of groups who would retain or reinstate such cruel and discriminatory punishment. We are convinced by the evidence

set before us that the concept of Capital Punishment serves no logical or positive purpose: it does not deter crime; it cannot restore life; it is frighteningly fallible and absolutely irreversible; it is neither practically nor economically good penal practice. Those who have witnessed it have never believed it to satisfy the call for justice. It is the imperfect solution of a frustrated, society that refuses to create just alternatives. Those who are rightly concerned about the safety of our citizens must move beyond retaliation and address the needs of restoration and rehabilitation, if our communities and our families are ever to be safe.

We, the Newark Human Rights Commission, call upon our legislators and our governor to oppose the reinstatement of Capital Punishment in New Jersey. We urge the passing of laws that will establish viable alternatives to Capital Punishment while preserving the rights of all our citizens.

CONCURRING POSITION

After careful review and analysis of testimony presented at the Public Hearings, relative to the restoration of the Death Penalty in the State of New Jersey, the Newark Human Rights Commission concludes the following:

It is abundantly clear that the interested members of the Greater Newark Community are overwhelmingly opposed to the Assembly Bill which reflects selective application of the death penalty as it is applicable to specific groups, under special circumstances. The concept of this bill is totally unconscionable and unacceptable. Our collective society can neither condone nor permit legislation that sets a greater value on the human life of one individual or group as opposed to others, their specific contributions to society as a whole notwithstanding.

Opponents and proponents of the application of the Death Penalty without reservation appear to find the Death Penalty and its finality abhorant on moral grounds. It is therefore the considered position of this Commission that to effectively deal with the subject matter, we must divorce ourselves of the moral concept as it applies to the Death Penalty.

Transcripts of testimony of persons of all stations who appeared before the Commission expressed their positions and those of their constituencies pro and con, as it applies to the restoration of the death penalty. Careful consideration of the views expressed revealed another significant fact, the fear of discrimination, and unequal application of justice. While the specific purpose of the hearings was consideration of the restoration of the Death Penalty in New Jersey in general and Assembly Bill 3289, in particular, we of the Commission cannot ignore these fears and the cries against injustice and unequal application of the law.

"So long as we fail to unite against the social foundations of crime... then so long will we be sidetracked into divisive issues like the question of restoring the death penalty."

—Stanley Winters,
New Hope Development Corp.

"When a perpetrator acts outside the bounds of the community, he forfeits his rights to life. Both society and the victim, I believe, are entitled to vengeance."

—Robert Doherty

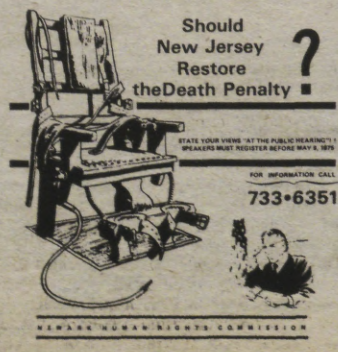
"I won't call it capital punishment. I call it murder. I am against murder, whether you have a position to do it or whether you go out and commit murder."

—Mrs. Retha Perry,
West Ward Citizens Group

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People and Places

THOSE WERE THE DAYS: What was Newark like between World War I to World War II? Some answers may be in two articles published recently in a state historical report: "The Beleaguered City as Promised Land: Blacks in Newark, 1917-1947," by Clement A. Price of Rutgers, and "Boom, Bust and Boosterism: Attitudes, Residency and the Newark Chamber of Commerce, 1920-1941," by Paul A. Stelhorn. The report is called "Urban New Jersey Since 1870," and is available for \$2.50 from the N.J. Historical Commission, 113 W. State St., Trenton, N.J. 08625.

RIGHT AT RINGSIDE: An old boxing ring in which Joe Louis once trained is still in the Engine 2 firehouse at Centre Street and McCarter Highway. The ring is in a second floor gym which has been made available by Fire Director John Caulfield to the Children's Community Mental Health Center of the nearby Mount Carmel Guild. The ring, built for and formerly owned by Louis, was acquired for the Fire Department by Chief Daniel Toriello, onetime Golden Gloves champ.

BUSY SIGNALS: Newarkers have more telephones than Americans in general, according to the N.J. Bell Telephone Co. There are 71 phones for every 100 residents of the city, compared with only 65½ per 100 persons throughout the country. The figures include phones in business and government, as well as in homes. A couple of other New Jersey cities — East Orange and Camden — are even talkier than Newark, according to the telephone tally.

THE FIRST "R": Kean College in Union is enrolling children for its Reading Clinic, which helps diagnose and remedy reading troubles. Children undergo intensive testing, and then receive individual lessons for about 13 weeks. The fee is \$45 for the whole program, but some scholarships are available. The program is run by certified teachers in the master's degree program. Information: Reading Clinic, Kean College, Union, N.J. 07083; phone 527-2351.

ARMY ON THE MARCH: The Salvation Army's \$4.1 million building campaign includes two major projects in Newark: A rehabilitation center for men and women, including an emergency lodge for burned-out and evicted families, to replace the men's shelter on Pennington Street; a new West Side community center to replace a Springfield Avenue storefront, and to house a new Spanish program. At the same time the Army will merge its Newark Central and Irvington Corps in a new location in Irvington.

LOAN RANGERS: More than \$12 million in loans have been obtained for new or expanding minority businesses since 1968 by the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity. The council has also obtained more than \$4 million in contracts and orders for these firms, and graduated some 2,000 persons from its management courses. Further information: ICBO, 24 Commerce St., fifth floor, Newark, N.J. 07102; telephone, 622-4771.

DIAMOND RING: St. James Hospital in the Ironbound celebrated its 75th anniversary with an open house Nov. 24 and a new brochure on the hospital's past, present and future. St. James recently demonstrated its strategic importance when it handled 20 "victims" of a mock disaster at Newark Airport — and took care of 19 real emergencies during the drill, too.

INNER CHAMBER: New members of the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce include the N.J. Employment Service, Bergen Street Merchants, James H. Beckett Memorial Home, Newark Jaycees, National Economic Development Association (NEDA), McKinnon's Fashions, Newark Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, House of K & A, Scott's College of Beauty Culture, Newark Services Corp., and Rutgers Minority Investment Co.

ON THE AIR: A new series entitled "Music is Alive and Well in Newark" has begun on WBGO-FM (88.3 MC.), station of the Newark Board of Education. It features recorded live concerts from the Newark Public Library and Newark Museum... An ethnic smorgasbord is offered on WSOU-FM (89.5), station of Seton Hall University; the schedule includes Black, Latin American, Irish, Lithuanian, Polish, Hellenic, and Ukrainian broadcasts.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS: Visitors to the Newark Museum these days can catch a glimpse of the city's capital improvements program at work. The Ballantine House's restored exterior was recently unveiled, while work continues inside the 19th century mansion; meanwhile, the central court of the museum has been closed for repairs to the skylight, and this has forced moving of several exhibitions. Some programs are being shifted to a new lunchroom.

READING ROOM: The Day Care Coordinating Council, 11 Hill St., has a revamped monthly newsletter filled with tips on child care and day care opportunities... Dr. Eleanor Lewis, director of consumer services of the N.J. Insurance Department (201 E. State St., Trenton, N.J. 08625), announces a guide to auto insurance rates in the state; it's available for 24 cents in postage stamps.

HEART-WARMING: Newark Beth Israel Medical Center has implanted more than 65 nuclear pacemakers in persons with heart trouble — more than any other hospital in the nation. The nuclear devices, which help prevent heart failure, last at least 10 years. The program, which began in 1973, has been adjudged a success by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

IT'S NICE TO KNOW: Free immunization shots are provided daily from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Newark Health Division, 94 William St. ... College or high school students who earn less than \$2,350 from summer or parttime jobs don't have to file income tax returns, according to the Newark office of the Internal Revenue Service (645-3856) ... Local Seventh Day Adventist congregations have set up a used clothing center for disaster victims at the Red Cross branch, 710 High St. (676-1616) ... Department store sales in Newark rose more in the early part of this year over 1974 than in any other eastern city.

Santa Tells City: 'Don't Call Me!'

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even make an offer.

And at the same time, more than 150 community leaders and citizens jammed a public hearing by the Mayor's Policy and Development Office (MPDO) on plans for its second \$20 million federal grant, due to begin in April. MPDO has one of the few sizable pies left in town, but it's unlikely most of the competing groups will get more than a taste of it.

As the city's cupboard becomes yet more bare, community hunger focuses on federal and state aid in housing, community development and manpower. Administrators express sympathy, but point out much of the money is tied up with various rules and restrictions, and can't just be stuffed into the neediest stockings. Most of the MPDO's yearly \$20 million, for example, must go into physical work like the purchase, clearance and rehabilitation of old properties.

At the MPDO hearings, a procession of speakers pleaded for support for community schools, day care centers, youth and senior citizen programs. Some wanted the \$20 million divided evenly — \$4 million per ward. And directors of three city departments appealed for MPDO help to maintain essential services.

City officials are going over federal budgets and regulations with fine-tooth combs, to see whether there's any way the outside aid can ease local strains. But the federal programs may compound the crisis, too. Some big ones — such as the \$20 million High Impact anti-crime effort — are ending soon, and their staffs and clients are clamoring for funds, too.

Those who once dreamed of great successes in the open-handed War on Poverty-Model Cities era now wonder about survival itself. And this Christmas they ask: Won't anyone fill our stockings?

Well, let's check would-be Santas:

—The federal government, in a continuing retreat from the social adventures of the 1960s, still underwrites a few programs. There are even some new grants, such as \$1.2 million to provide 145 emergency public works jobs in the city. But some programs are tangled in red tape, and most are specifically forbidden to pick up the tab for existing city services.

—The state government, unable to overhaul its own finances or modernize its tax structure, has been trimming aid to cities. The state's failure to deliver an expected \$4.6 million in various revenues to Newark for 1975 and 1976 has tightened the screws on the local budget.

—Private investors are shying from older cities. Newark has sold only one of its four bond issues in 1975. Some resistance is fallout from New York's near-collapse, although there's no danger of Newark going into default, and most experts agree our town is in far sounder financial shape than the Big Apple. But officials say the shenanigans in Trenton hurt Newark, too.

With no volunteer Santas in sight, the city faces a \$10 million drop in revenues and a \$23 million rise in costs. There are only two choices left: (1) Try to wring more revenue out of taxpayers, at the risk of driving them into revolt or out of town; or (2) try to cut costs — mostly in salaries — at the risk of slashing vital services.

The city is already using the second option: The number of workers laid off since last March is fast approaching 1,100, and some traditional public servants — manual street-sweepers and school crossing guards — are being eliminated. Yet the loss of another 500-plus lower-paying

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Another report on the Citizens Advisory Board of MPDO.

COLONNADE

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renewal program. The project was designed by Mies van der Rohe, a master of modern architecture. The original plan included a shopping center on Broad Street as well as the 22-story apartment houses, but the stores have yet to be built.

Through the years Colonnade has attracted many business and professional people. It is still home to many high-level public officials, and some of its building directories read like a "Who's Who in Newark."

"It's still one of the most attractive structures in the city," says Carter, who moved into 25 Clifton Avenue three years ago. He notes that apartments are spacious and light, with floor-to-ceiling glass walls; rents are within reason, from \$170 to \$325; and stores, schools, cultural institutions and transportation are all handy.

There's a waiting list for the smaller apartments, the tenant leader reports. "We have many young professional people moving in, whites as well blacks, and Colonnade could be a place like it was," he asserts.

In recent years, Carter claims, there have been "significant changes in service" by the management. He also concedes "we have some tenants who may not be as tidy as possible." And there has been growing concern among the tenants about crime, vandalism and deterioration in the neighborhood.

Some tenants have moved because of the changes, he says, and others have become



CISCO CARTER

"psychologically imprisoned." To counteract this, the association has held meetings and parties so tenants can come together in a common and positive effort.

Carter, who is social service director of the New Ark School at Halsey Street and Central Avenue, was recently elected president to succeed Marjorie Ellis. Other officers are: Vice presidents, Richard Harley and Ronald Gross; secretary, Lorraine Gary; and treasurer Doris Dreyfuss.

The new president says the management has been "cooperative to this point" with the association. And he hopes the organization can develop contacts with tenants at Columbus Homes, and institutions in the area.

Carter is convinced Colonnade can remain a prime residence, and he believes the tenants will see to this themselves. "Some people may be running scared," he says, "but we do have people who are interested in trying to maintain the quality of life here."

jobs will save only \$6 million in the coming year.

The 'other shoe is still to be dropped, when the tax rate is worked out. Last year it soared from \$8.60 to \$9.94. Officials say it's likely to climb again, and they note that New Jersey cities must balance their budgets.

"Our administration will not formulate a 'pie-in-the-sky' approach or budget which is dependent on favorable actions by other levels of government," Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson declares. "With all of the negative factors considered, the City of Newark will maintain economic responsibility."

And after reviewing our plight, Newarkers can do little more than repeat Tiny Tim's Christmas cry: "God bless us, every one!"

Tuff on Taxis

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headed by Business Administrator William H. Walls. Tuff has been on Walls' staff since January 1973.

Taxicab regulations were formerly handled by the Division of Licenses in the Department of Finance. While the taxis are under the new agency, the Division of Licenses continues to handle 42 other types of permits and franchises.

The city's new taxicab ordinances also provide for a five-member commission, appointed by the Mayor with Council consent, to conduct hearing on complaints.

The new commissioners are A.J.J.A. Wilson, president of Micro Products Engineering Co., representing the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce; Rocco Rafanelli, president of United Radio Cab, representing the owners; Sam Upshaw of 860 S. 16th St. and Columbus Kinsey of 274 Seymour Ave., both representing the community. A fifth commissioner, to represent the drivers, is still to be chosen.

Tuff said some individual owners of cabs more than six years old have pleaded hardship, but they have been denied licenses because the law on taxi age is clear and specific.

The cabs themselves will undergo physical inspection in February. In the meanwhile, Tuff said, the new division will be looking into other reported problems—including the non-use of some of the 600 medallions; "hacking" or negotiating of illegal fees by late-night cabbies at Penn Station; and "gypsy cabs," which are licensed for livery service but cruise for customers. The division is also on the lookout for cabs that carry more than one fare on a trip, or put extra passengers in the front.

The new division also handles citizen complaints about drivers and cabs. Tuff has authority to impose fines up to \$250 and to revoke or suspend licenses. A driver or owner who denies the charges can receive hearing before the full commission.

The division has a budget of \$125,000, which includes one-time expenditures for equipment, furniture and supplies. Tuff says the agency will generate about \$150,000 in fees and fines during the next year.

Tuff, whose salary is \$15,582, joined the city government as an aide to the Mayor in August 1972. He worked previously as a community organizer in Cleveland, as a management analyst for the Port Authority, associate director of admissions for Wilberforce (Ohio) University, a consultant to the Newark NAACP, and a sales representative for Greyhound.

Woman Reporter Takes Police Physical Test and Finds . . .

A WOULD-BE COP CAN BE UP AGAINST THE WALL

By JANICE NEWMAN

There have been lots of claims that the Civil Service physical examination for police officers discriminates against women. And not just from those irate, frustrated women in the women's movement. Newark Police Director Hubert Williams, too, accused the exam of being discriminatory.

Naturally, not wanting to face in imminent discrimination suit, officials of the N.J. Civil Service Commission came up with an exam that even women could pass.

Naturally, not wanting to believe everything I hear, I volunteered to take the demonstration exam the commission sponsored in various locations in the state over the summer.

It's relatively simple to take, if you observe the three physical education majors from Trenton State College who demonstrated the exam. All you have to do is scale a seven-foot wall in less than nine seconds, run a 200-foot obstacle course carrying a 25-pound box in your hand, broad jump seven feet or more, and drag a 125-pound dummy 75 feet in less than 15 seconds.

Easy, no? Well, not for this reporter.

First of all, how often do you come into contact with a seven-foot wall? One observer asked if there were any in Newark. The technique demonstrated by the Trenton State students was to run up to the wall, place one foot high against the wall to give leverage, grab the top of the wall, throw a leg over — and the rest of you will follow.

It took numerous attempts for me to get over the rubber-matted wall. A couple of times I found myself trying to pull myself up as the men who took the demonstration exam did.

Now it's probably a very simple task to accomplish. Stephanie O'Bannon of



Newark, who works for the Newark Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, was able to scale the wall at her first try — in her stocking feet! Mrs. Pat Kelly of West Orange scaled the wall in five seconds. However, O'Bannon had previously taken the real exam (and failed), and Mrs. Kelly had participated in four of the five test demonstrations.

The dummy-drag was also a particularly difficult task for me to accomplish in the time allowed. Ms. O'Bannon, who is 5 feet 3 inches tall, says "the only unfair aspect of the test is the dummy-drag. Most men weigh more than 125 pounds, (and) they are not required to pull their own weight or more."

Karen Del Corso of South Brunswick, one of the demonstrators, agreed: "Most of us don't have strength in our arms and it makes the dummy-drag and the wall scaling tough." Yet there have been, and will be, women who will have to drag a dummy that either weighs more than they do, or comes pretty close to weighing as much (as in my case).

Yet I'm sure the Civil Service

Commission feels that this is a fair exam. It is expected that a physically fit woman should be able to pass this exam.

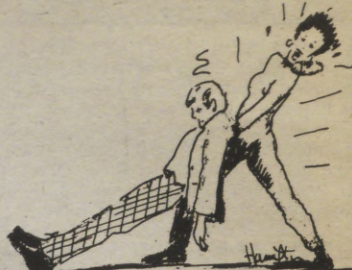
Henry Smith, a Civil Service staff member, states that only 10 to 20 per cent of the applicants who take the test fail it. However, when the test was administered last October to Trenton State physical education majors, only 15 per cent of these physically fit women were able to pass it.

Furthermore, of the 36 women who passed the written exam last March, none was able to pass the physical exam. At that time, the same test that was demonstrated was given, except that the wall was bare.

It is interesting to note how the test has been modified over the years. A police officer who took the test in 1964 stated that the exam consisted of chin-ups, broad jump, squat jumps, sit-ups, agility run and push-ups. A police officer who took the test in 1972 stated that the exam consisted of chin-ups, broad jump, push-ups, sit-ups, agility run and squat-thrust. When it was administered in March, all that remained from the prior exams were the broad jump and the agility run (running two laps of an obstacle course carrying a 25-pound box).

Director Williams claims that this test is "unfair" to women because it is not job-related for the most part, and as a result, "It deprives women of their right to work" in the occupation of their choice. Williams also feels that the test requirements — particularly the wall-scaling — serve to eliminate women who have applied for police jobs. He notes that none of the 36 women who took the physical in March was able to pass.

In an earlier interview, Williams stated: "None of this stuff is fair. There are no



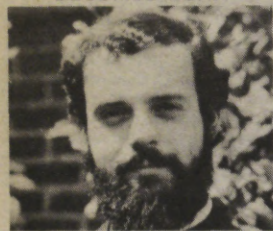
seven-foot walls like this in Newark. Why not test these women by having them do a number of push-ups to show they have the well-developed arms policemen need?

Barbara Sacks of the High Impact Anti-Crime Unit, who took the exam in March, complained in a letter to The Star-Ledger: "Indeed, Civil Service is continuing to conduct a physical exam for the position of policeman. Having taken the test in March this year and failed because of the slippery wall, I can confirm that the test was discriminatory as it is non-job-related."

There are approximately 10 women on the Newark police force of over 1400. Most of these, according to Williams, "are going up in years." If new women are not brought onto the force soon, there may not be any women on the force at all in the future. And at a time when women's groups are looking for areas of sex discrimination in which to file suits, it might serve the Civil Service's benefit if the test was re-examined.

Not that women's groups, or Williams for that matter, are asking for an easier exam, but rather one that is more realistic and job-related. After all, there are some men — and some of them presently police officers — who could not pass the physical exam.

BECOMES MONK



Brother Joshua Gentile, O.S.B., has professed his vows as a Benedictine of the Newark Abbey at a ceremony in St. Mary's Church. He teaches biology and organized Children's Theater Troupe at St. Benedict's.

SHHHHH! City Nixes Noise

As part of its campaign to regulate noise from retail stores, the City of Newark has begun prosecution efforts against illegal loudspeakers.

In a suit before Presiding Judge Irvin Booker Oct. 6, the City claimed Spanish Wear, 793 Broad St., illegally operated a loudspeaker to attract attention on several occasions. Title 17:3-2 of the City's ordinances prohibits usage of an amplifying system for this purpose.

After the proprietor, Isaac Dweck, pleaded guilty, Judge Booker levied a \$60 fine against the store. As part of its case, the City introduced letters from Business Administrator William Walls to merchants warning of the increased enforcement actions.

Walls has urged all merchants to curb further use of loudspeakers. "The recent number of complaints against blaring loudspeakers indicate that they still remain a source of annoyance to many shoppers. We urge that all merchants comply with the City ordinance in an effort to reduce this unnecessary noise source within the business district," Walls says.

Within SWAS - A School That Really Works

By C. ALAN SIMMS

Question: Can talented Newark youth, who are educationally motivated but graduates of inadequate elementary schools, be provided with a sound education that qualifies them for college-level competition, but does not conflict with the environmental experiences of the Newark school system?

SWAS, The School Within A School located in Shabazz High School, says YES! And what's more, they're proving it!

In Newark, no less than 10 experimental and alternative educational schools exist, each drawing from a citizenry that has said "enough" to problems of overcrowding, discipline, curriculum, and strikes which have greatly affected the quality of public education.

The School Within A School has been a special program in the Newark Board of Ed for the past seven years and currently has 400 students enrolled. Although physically located within the confines of Shabazz High, the program operates as an independent school with its own faculty, curriculum, grading standards and requirements. In addition, SWAS students attend school for 11 months a year!

The program operates on the premise that, given a highly academic program with five majors, dedicated teachers, and highly motivated students, the inner-city high school student can achieve the same standards of academic excellence as students of more affluent districts. The goal of this program is to prepare each student for a successful career at the college of his or her choice.

"It's more like a college prep school," said one student. "I take about two hours each day for study." When asked why they took the test to become a SWAS student, 14-year-old soph Bruce

Dais said, "I came to receive extra education."

"A lot of the other kids at Shabazz are just there to be in school," said another, "but it's different with us." Motivation is the key. SWAS students know that they are among the best, and that their educational experience is good for them. As a result, their primary intention is to measure up to standards.

More than just taking part in an education-oriented program, students are enabled to participate in regular high school activities and athletics within Shabazz High. In fact, SWAS students comprise the bulk of those students involved in Shabazz activities. Harriet Willis, 16, explains that "If you're motivated in one area, most likely you'll be motivated in other areas."

Students carry four years of courses in foreign language, science, math and a combined English/history humanities program. Team teaching is a significant aspect of the SWAS curriculum. Teachers of various subjects work together in "teaching teams," each responsible for the same classes of students. The advantages of the system are:

Team members are able to meet daily to discuss curriculum, scheduling, and special projects, as well as any problems with individual students. The student-teacher relationship can grow very close as the same teachers will see the same students every day for 11 months out of the year. By combining classes, two or more teachers can be available to any given class, bringing their combined talents to bear on any project.

Scheduling is flexible so that a class may be 15 minutes or three hours long, suiting the class material to be addressed that day, as arranged in

cooperation with the other teachers within the team.

According to the school brochure, "English and history are totally integrated. The traditional chronological sequence has been discarded in favor of the development of theme studies longitudinally, such as Revolution: Man Against The Establishment, or 'Urban Problems From Antiquity to the Present' or 'The Changing Concepts of Justice.'"

Students are selected on the recommendation of their 8th grade teachers, and by competitive examinations in reading, writing, and mathematics. The student body of 400 sports a proud 98 per cent attendance record.

"Teachers think of you as a whole person," stated students in an informal lunchtime interview. They added that their parents

are asked to contribute "dues" to help augment the SWAS budget and thus become involved in the maintenance of the school and its concepts.

"Each year they (SWAS administration) learn from their mistakes," commented the group of upperclassmen. They added that teachers are willing to stay after school for additional help and that they have been known to give students their home phone numbers.

As a product of the Newark school system, this reporter views SWAS as a refreshing alternative to traditional urban education and a welcome change from the ongoing disappointments and decline in motivation in Newark education over the past decade. SWAS looks to be a viable concept for all urban education systems.

IT'S STILL A HAVEN Old 1st Church Welcomes Haitians

Just as it did 309 years ago, Newark's Old First Church is serving as a haven for people fleeing political oppression.

Newark — and Old First — were founded in 1666 by a Puritan group seeking a Biblical way of life, free from domination by the British government. Now the city's founding church has become a refuge for people fleeing another government — this time in Haiti.

Refugees from Haiti began settling in the Newark area some years ago, and in 1971 they formed a Baptist church. The congregation worshipped at the Newark Downtown YMCA for three years, and then began using the chapel of Old First, which stands beside the 186-year-old church building on Broad Street.

Rev. Julio LaPorte, minister of the Haitian congregation,

reports membership of about 100. Services are held in Haitian dialect, a mixture of French and Creole. Mr. LaPorte says his church stresses "faith and civic responsibility."

On Worldwide Communion Sunday, Oct. 5, the Haitian Evangelical and Old First congregations held a joint worship service in the main sanctuary of Newark's oldest house of worship.

BELL COOK RETIRES

Mrs. Florence E. Collins, a cook for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Newark, has retired after 22 years' service.

Mrs. Collins, who lives at 294 Chadwick Ave., joined the company in 1953 as a matron in Newark. She is a member of the 540 Broad St. Council, H.G. McCully Upstate Chapter, Telephone Pioneers of America.

NAMES in the NEWS

CAPT. ROCCO FERRANTE of the Newark Police Department and his son, **ROCCO FERRANTE JR.**, were honored at the recent Chrysanthemum Ball of the North Ward Citizens Committee. Capt. Ferrante heads the police emergency bureau, while his son has won widespread acclaim as an organist. The citizen group is headed by **STATE SEN. ANTHONY IMPERIALE**.

FRED MEANS, a member of the Newark Board of Education, is the new director of professional laboratory experience at Jersey City State College. Means was formerly head of Project WE at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, where he developed a model for training urban school personnel. Means was active in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and taught music at Shabazz High School.

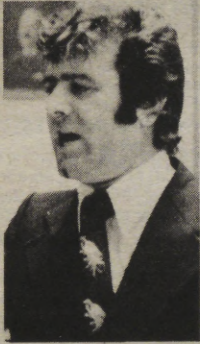
M A D A M E MARGARET SIMPSON, Gospel singer and founder of the chorus at Abyssinian Baptist Church, was honored at a recent testimonial dinner by civic and religious leaders. Madame Simpson founded the chorus in 1948 and is still a soloist with it, although she is now blind. She has sung throughout the country and recorded on several labels.



COUNCILMAN MICHAEL P. BOTTONE has been named to the Old Time Athletes of Essex County Hall of Fame. The West Ward councilman was a track and baseball star at Central High School, and served on the Army baseball team during World War II. The Old Time Athletes are headed by **FRANK BOSLET**, 79.

Four persons were honored at the recent statewide conference of the Human and Civil Rights Association of New Jersey in Newark: **JOSE ROSARIO**, chairman of the board of **FOCUS** (Field Orientation Center for Underprivileged Spanish); **TROOPER ROY REID**, minority recruitment officer for the State Police; **MRS. LUCILLE PURYEAR**, director of the United Community Corp., and **DAVID BEN-ASHER**, former deputy attorney general in the N.J. Division on Civil Rights. Chairman of the association is **DANIEL W. BLUE, JR.**, director of the Newark Human Rights Commission.

R O N A L D GASPARINETTI, president of the Newark Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, has been elected head of the Essex County Federation of PBSS. A former motorcycle patrolman, he recently announced a plan for a caravan of cycles to mark the opening of the Garden State Parkway for cyclists, but later called off the demonstration.



JUNIUS WILLIAMS, former head of Newark's Model Cities program, has been appointed an assistant Essex County counsel. Williams has practiced law in Newark since he was fired as head of the federal program. He is a vice president of the National Bar Association.

Appointments: **ARMAND LEMBO**, director of inspections for the city, has been named to the board of Broad National Bank... **SAMUEL MILLER**, director of the Newark Museum, has been appointed to the Essex County Cultural & Heritage Commission... **ROBERT DETORE**, executive vice president of the Urban Health Corp., has been named to a new term on the Newark Health Planning Council... **ELIZABETH BRODY** and **MONROE P. BLATON** are new assistant deans of Rutgers Law School... **DR. ROBERT C. SPELLMAN**, a member of the Essex County College faculty since 1968, is the new vice president for academic affairs... **MISS MARY E. MCCARTHY** is the new president of the Essex County Unit, American Cancer Society.

HERMAN ESTRIN, professor of English at New Jersey Institute of Technology, has been selected to appear in "Who's Who in the United States." He has taught at NJIT (formerly Newark College of Engineering) for more than 25 years, and is adviser to the college newspaper.



Alonzo Kittrels, left, has been named director of personnel for the Newark Board of Education, while **Robert Pickett** is the new counsel for the school system. Kittrels is former director of the city's Division of Personnel, while Pickett is a Newark attorney.

GEORGE THOMPSON, a veteran journalist, recently received a master's degree in African studies from Rutgers University at the age of 73. One of the pioneers of black journalism in New Jersey, he formerly served on the Afro-American.

The new director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office in Newark is **WALTER E. JOHNSON**. He replaces **JAMES P. SWEENEY**, now administrator of HUD's New York region. The deputy director of the Newark office is **THOMAS J. VERDON**.

REV. JOHN R. SHARP, pastor of Kilburn Presbyterian Church in Vailsburg, has been re-elected chairman of the Newark Human Rights Commission. Vice chairpersons are **HOPE JACKSON** and **LEONARD CHAVIS**, and secretary is **CARL PETERMAN**. They were installed by city **JUDGE JOHN DIOS**.

JOSEPH PARADISE, director of the Newark Division of Water Accounting, has been elected president of the N.J. Football Officials Association. He has been involved in football for 43 years, and was a grid star at Central High School before World War II. He has played with semi-pro and pro teams, including the Newark Bears.



Honors: **CLARENCE COGGINS**, director of community organizations for the Mayor's Policy and Development Office (MPDO), has received the leadership award of the Newark Block Club and Tenant Council... **LARRIE STALKS**, county register and former city official, was cited at a testimonial by many local officials... **FRANK R. GALANTE**, president of the Columbian Foundation, was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Ironbound Red Shield Boys' Club... **DR. ALFRED J. D'AGOSTINI**, chief of orthopedics at St. Michael's Medical Center, was honored for 45 years of service at a recent hospital ball.

More honors: The Scarabs have presented scholarships to **JAMES WRIGHT** and **DEBRA LESTER**, winners of an essay contest... The Essex County Park Commission has paid tribute to **VIOLA EVANS** ("Miss Rhapsody") for her half-century in entertainment... **DAVID TOMA**, former Newark policeman and television personality, was a "Fall Guy" for the Circus Saints and Sinners... A farewell testimonial dinner was held for **NATHAN KABOT**, retiring comptroller of the Newark Housing Authority.

CAPT. JAMES L. RHODES is the new commander of the Newark division of the Rutgers University Police Department. He heads a force of 23 officers and civilian employees. Rhodes joined the campus force in 1969, and became a lieutenant in 1972. He has been trained at the State Police Academy and the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics.



"Dawn" magazine, which is distributed with the N.J. Afro-American and three dozen other newspapers around the country, recently featured a full-page spread on Newark in a report on Black policemen. There were pictures and statements of **DIRECTOR HUBERT WILLIAMS**, **INSPECTOR EDWARD WILLIAMS**, **CAPT. NORMAN GREEN** of the South District, and **LT. NEAL PATTERSON** of the homicide squad.

SPEAKING OF Social Security

By **MONICA ROJAS**



If you have read my previous article regarding Social Security and its meaning, I am sure that this article will be easier to understand and possibly you can acknowledge the new information clearly and objectively.

Last time I told how to obtain the Social Security card; the way to become eligible for Social Security benefits and its exceptions; jobs under special provisions, and what Social Security is to you and your family.

BECOMING FULLY INSURED

It usually depends on the worker's age. Generally, a person who has 10 years of work is fully insured for life. This doesn't determine, however, the amount of money that he or his family will receive, as there are only certain kinds of benefits that may be payable. The amount will usually depend on the worker's average earnings covered by Social Security.

At the same time no one can be fully insured with credit for less than 1½ years. In case of death, and if the worker is currently insured, his widow, dependent widower and their children will receive benefits. A worker is currently insured if he has credit for at least 1½ years of work within three years before his death.

DISABILITY BENEFITS

When a person becomes disabled because of a severe of physical or mental illness that has lasted (or is expected to last) for at least 12 months or is expected to result in death, and needs disability benefits, he or she must be fully insured, according to their age, as follows:

A worker 31 or older must have credit for five years of work in the 10 year period ending at the time he or she becomes disabled.

Workers between 24 and 31 will need credit for only half the time between 21 and the time they become disabled.

DEATH BENEFITS

In case of death, and if the worker is fully or currently insured, his or her survivors (widow, dependent widower, children or parents) receive monthly payments. In case of disability, the disabled worker, his wife or dependent widower, and children will receive monthly payments, only if he is fully insured and meets the special work requirements described above.

In many cases the disability benefits begin after five months of disability. However, it is very important to apply for benefits as soon as you find out that your disability will last 12 months or longer. Otherwise, the delay could cause you to lose some of your benefits.

In our next issue I'll be talking about **MEDICARE FOR THE DISABLED**. But, if you need additional information, you may call the Social Security Office, (201) 429-8200, or visit its offices located at 970 Broad Street, Newark, N.J.

HABLANDO SOBRE EL SEGURO SOCIAL

Por **MONICA ROJAS**

Si usted leyó mi artículo anterior referente al Seguro Social y lo que éste significa, estoy segura que este artículo será más fácil de entender y posiblemente que usted podrá asimilar la nueva información clara y objetivamente.

La vez pasada hablé sobre cómo obtener la tarjeta del Seguro Social, la forma de hacerse elegible para obtener los beneficios del Seguro Social, sus excepciones, empleos bajo disposiciones especiales, y qué representa el Seguro Social para usted y su familia.

ASEGURADO PLENAMENTE

Esto depende usualmente de la edad del trabajador. Generalmente, una persona que trabaja por 10 años está asegurado plenamente de por vida. Esto no determina sin embargo, la suma que el trabajador recibirá, ya que hay solo ciertos beneficios que pueden ser pagados. La suma depende usualmente del ingreso promedio que el trabajador tenga cubierto por el Seguro Social.

Al mismo tiempo, ninguna persona puede verse completamente asegurada si tiene menos de año y medio de trabajo. En caso de muerte, y si el trabajador estaba plenamente asegurado, la viuda, viudo dependiente y sus hijos recibirán beneficios.

BENEFICIOS POR INCAPACIDAD

Cuando una persona se incapacita y deja de trabajar debido a una enfermedad física o mental grave que ha durado (o se supone que dure) por lo menos 12 meses o se supone que termine en muerte, y necesita beneficios por incapacidad, el trabajador deberá estar plenamente asegurado, de acuerdo a su edad, como sigue:

Un trabajador de 31 años o más debe tener crédito por cinco años de trabajo en el período de 10 años que termina al incapacitarse.

Trabajadores entre las edades de 24 y 31 años necesitarán crédito por solo la mitad del tiempo entre los 21 años y la edad que tengan cuando se incapacitan.

BENEFICIOS POR MUERTE

En caso de muerte, y si el trabajador estaba plena o corrientemente asegurado, sus supervivientes (viuda, viudo dependiente, hijos o padres) recibirán pagos mensuales. En caso de incapacidad, la persona incapacitada, su cónyuge y sus hijos recibirán pagos mensuales sólo si el trabajador está plenamente asegurado y reúne los requisitos especiales de trabajo descritos anteriormente.

En muchos casos los beneficios de incapacidad empiezan después de 5 meses de incapacidad. Sin embargo, es muy importante que usted haga su solicitud de beneficios tan pronto como usted sepa que su incapacidad durará 12 meses o más. De otra forma, la demora en solicitarlos podría causarle pérdidas en sus beneficios.

En nuestra próxima edición les hablaré sobre los **BENEFICIOS DE MEDICARE PARA LOS INCAPACITADOS**. Si usted desea información adicional, llame a la Oficina del Seguro Social al teléfono (201) 429-8200 o visite sus oficinas localizadas en el 970 de la Calle Broad en Newark, N.J.

Coalition Praises Police Change

Coalición Urbana Elogia Cambios Hechos por Policía

The trustees of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition have commended Newark Police Director Hubert Williams for his implementation of grand jury recommendations concerning policies and operations, it was announced by Gustav Henningburg, president of the Coalition.

The recommendations, made by the Essex County Grand Jury in February, were a result of an investigation of civil disturbances that occurred on Labor Day last year in Newark's North Ward and involved Spanish-speaking residents. The recommendations were designed to help improve public respect for the police and increase accountability to the public by police officers.

The coalition, which previously endorsed the recommendations, formed a Task Force on Criminal Justice Reform that has been working with Williams toward implementation. Rev. Frank G. Gibson Jr., urban coordinator, Presbytery of Newark, is chairman of the task force.

Among the proposals undertaken by Williams are: (1) Issuing namé tags for each police officer and requiring the tags to be worn; (2) requiring each police officer who discharges a firearm to submit a written report; (3) stenciling riot helmets with identification numbers; and (4) fitting shotgun muzzles with seals so that it can be positively determined if a weapon has been fired.

The Coalition's task force said it is satisfied with the actions of Williams to date. On November 10, directives were issued ordering the wearing of name tags and requiring reports on the discharge of firearms.

Henningburg noted some police officers have expressed reservation about the wearing of new tags, for fear it will lead to harassment. Henningburg said the record in other cities where tags have been worn for years does not bear out such fears, and he urged all citizens to communicate with their officers by proper name from now on.

In addition, Henningburg urged citizens and community organizations to express their support of the police department action.

El pasado Martes, 25 de Nov. el Sr. Gustav Henningburg, Presidente de la Coalición Urbana del Alto Newark (Greater Newark Urban Coalition), anunció que la Junta de Directores de esta agencia "ha ensalzado la loable labor del Director de la Policía, Sr. Hubert Williams, por haber implementado las recomendaciones presentadas por el Gran Jurado del Condado de Essex".

Tales recomendaciones, hechas por dicho Gran Jurado en Febrero de este año, fueron el resultado de la investigación conducida por dicho cuerpo a raíz de los disturbios civiles acaecidos en el Día del Trabajo (Labor Day) el año pasado, envolviendo residentes Hispanos de la parte Norte de la ciudad de Newark. Las recomendaciones han sido diseñadas para exigir a los miembros de la uniformada más responsabilidad en la ejecución diaria de sus obligaciones y deberes hacia el público, y al mismo tiempo, ayudar a mejorar el respeto del público hacia la policía.

La Coalición Urbana, que desde un principio respaldó las recomendaciones del Gran Jurado, formó un Comité de Estudio y Recomendaciones que ha estado trabajando en mutua cooperación con el Director Williams para la implementación efectiva de tales recomendaciones. El Rev. Frank G. Gibson Jr., coordinador urbano del Presbiterio de Newark, preside dicho comité.

Las recomendaciones acogidas por Williams, son las siguientes: (1) todos los oficiales de la Policía Municipal han de llevar su nombre visiblemente rotulado en sus uniformes; (2) todo policía deberá presentar un informe completo, por escrito, sobre el acto de haber disparado un arma de fuego; (3) los cascos o capacetes para motines han de ser marcados con el número de identificación del policía que lo use; (4) equipar a los cañones de las escopetas con un sello especial por el cual se puede determinar si el arma ha sido disparada.

El Comité de Estudios y Recomendaciones de la Urban Coalition se siente muy satisfecho por la acción positiva y responsable demostrada por el Director Williams al implementar esas recomendaciones.

ALL from the HALL

A ROUNDUP OF RECENT NEWS IN CITY AGENCIES



United Way raised some \$50,000 among city employees this year and set new record. Discussing drive are Bernard Berkowitz, left, Newark lawyer and general chairman of 1975-76 appeal, and Wallace White, assistant to city business administrator and chairman of municipal workers' division of United Way. Poster showing Officer Michael Gerrity of Police Emergency Bureau was one of a series.

CITY EMPLOYEE CAR POOLS READY TO ROLL

William H. Walls, Newark's business administrator, has announced completion of the car pool matching program for city personnel, with the distribution of individual matching lists to participating employees. These lists identify co-workers living within a square mile area of each other who have indicated a desire to car pool.

The initial lists include 125 city employees. Questionnaires had been sent to 3,000 city workers, but most were eliminated because they already use public transportation or are not interested in joining a car pool at this point. In addition, no attempt was made to match those who work irregular schedules, such as police and fire officers.

The computerized matching program is provided free of charge through the State Office of Car Pooling. Employees fill out a questionnaire detailing their home and work locations, and work hours. The data are then processed by computer and each participant receives her or his own matching list. It is up to the employees to contact others on their list and arrange the car pools.

SCHOOL BOARD GETS \$49,948 FOR DRIVER TRAINING

The N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles' Office of Highway Safety has granted \$49,948 to the Newark Board of Education for an expansion of its Behind-the-Wheel Driver Education Program.

The director of the division, John A. Waddington, said: "This grant is for the third and final phase of a three-year project which enables the nine high schools within the City of Newark to offer eligible students a complete driver education program that includes classroom and behind-the-wheel training. Under the terms of the program agreement Newark will continue this activity on their own after the program is concluded."

In 1973-74, John Johnson, president of Johnson Buick-Opel Inc. of Montclair and Bloomfield, helped make the program possible by the use of 24 cars. In 1975-76 when 1,425 senior students successfully completed the 6-hour course, 20 cars were made available. The Board has again requested the support of Johnson in the '75-76 program. The program was implemented by Miss Theresa S. David, assistant executive superintendent in charge of secondary education. Students who successfully complete the course may receive a discount from their automobile insurance.

CARRINO AND GIBSON AID ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH

City Councilman Anthony Carrino and Mayor Kenneth Gibson have come to the aid of Essex Catholic High School, which was having difficulty renting the Newark Schools Stadium for a Nov. 16 football game against Bergen Catholic High School. The rental fee required by the Board of Education was recently raised to \$522.

Carrino obtained a donation of \$100 from the Residents For Community Action, of which is founder, and the Mayor obtained \$100 from the Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association. Both officials persuaded the Newark Board of Education to delete some other fees in light of the financial problem, so the total fee was \$337.50.

Essex Catholic won the game, 6-0. It was the school's final home game this year. School and city officials are discussing ways to enable Essex Catholic to use the facility next season.



Chatting at the opening of the new Consumer Action offices at 358 South Orange Ave. are, from left, Deputy Mayor Ramon Aneses; West Ward Councilman Michael Bottone; Dennis Cherot, Consumer Action director, and Muriel Hodge, director of new branch. Complaint and referral agency is opening offices in all five wards.

City Provides Help to Aliens

Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson has announced an Educational Outreach Program to help aliens integrate into society and become United States citizens.

The Community Organization Division of Mayor's Policy and Development Office (MPDO), in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Manpower and the Newark Board of Education, is planning community-wide effort to increase registration.

Carmen J. Attanasio, director of the Department of Adult Education of the school board, estimated that 2,000 foreign-born persons took advantage of the course in naturalization. The Newark office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates approximately 60,000 permanent resident aliens.

David Dennison, executive director of MPDO, says: "By making foreign-born people aware of the courses a positive contribution can be made to Newark. The course is free."

Adult Education offers courses in: High School Completion in Spanish; High School Completion in English; Adult Basic Education; Citizenship.

For further information: Hal Klegman at the Community Organization Division, 733-8028, or the Department of Adult Education, 733-7213. Both agencies are at 2 Cedar St.



Plans for a \$31 million sports arena complex in downtown Newark are outlined by Robert Nott, director of the Newark Housing Authority, for Harry Lerner, Democratic county chairman; Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson; Gov. Brendan T. Byrne; Edward Lenihan, president of Newark Economic Development Corp., and Wayne Braffman, project director for NEDC. ROBERTA PFEIFER PHOTO

IN OUR MAIN ARENA...

Downtown Coliseum Is Proposed

Want to go down to Market Street to see the pro basketball game tonight? Or how about tomorrow night's rock concert?

That may sound far-fetched now. But those questions may be asked in the future, if plans for a downtown sports arena can be realized.

A federally-financed study says such a facility can be built in downtown Newark, and there's enough potential patronage in the area to support it. Now the planners are checking on exactly how such a facility could be financed and built.

The tentative plan calls for a 17,300-seat arena suitable for basketball, hockey, and various sports and entertainment events. The arena would cost \$24 million to build at today's prices, and a multi-level garage would be another \$9 million.

The Newark Economic

Development Corp., which is sponsoring the research, hopes an arena could be constructed on vacant land along Market Street between Mulberry Street and McCarter Highway.

The consulting firm says a Newark arena "should seat 15,250 in permanent theater-type chairs, with a total seating capacity of 17,300 in portable and temporary arrangements." The arena floor "should contain at least 20,000 square feet adaptable to basketball, hockey, other sporting events and a variety of entertainment presentations." A total of 2,500 on-site parking spaces and 2,000 additional parking spaces within a 5-minute walk are recommended.

The firm says that a primary assumption is that professional hockey and basketball franchises would be permanent tenants.

Faces in Our Crowd

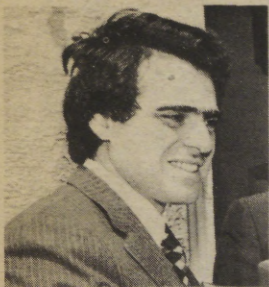
"Gee, you don't look anything like your picture!"

That comment, and many like it, have been floating around City Hall since the administration began issuing photographic identification cards to all employees, and requiring them to wear the cards while on the job.

About 4,500 city workers have received the laminated cards, which include a color photo, name, signature, department and division, height, hair and eye color, and Social Security number. The project, using a special camera system, has cost about \$4,000.

Business Administrator William Walls says the ID program is designed to improve security in city buildings, and give those who work for Newark government "a sense of identity."

DOCTOR IS TOPS



Dr. Edward A. Capriola, a Newark pediatrician, was identified by federal officials as receiving \$247,302 in Medicaid fees in 1974 — more than any doctor in the state. Dr. Capriola, with offices at 195 Central Ave., called the report "a compliment to the type of care we give."

You Just Advise to Win a Prize!

Here's a little suggestion for all city employees: Enter YOUR suggestions in the city's new Suggestion and Recognition Program.

Begun last March, the program offers awards of \$25 for each "Suggestion of the Month" and \$100 for the "Suggestion of the Year." The ideas are judged by a special committee for their potential for improving productivity, efficiency, job performance and relations within city agencies.

Rev. Robert D. Woods, Sr., city training technician and chairman of the suggestion program, says about 75 "usable" ideas have been

deposited thus far in the new suggestion boxes around City Hall — along with a few anonymous comments and complaints.

All of the winners and most of the suggestions, so far, have come from the Police and Fire Departments. The proposals have ranged from highly technical changes in equipment and methods, to the construction of a City Hall cafeteria or a drag racing strip for city youth.

The first winner was Firefighter LaVoie Fay, who suggested putting all known data about all properties in the city into a central computer. In later

months the award went to Fire Capt. Ronald Greeley, who suggested adding portable oxygen to the equipment on fire engines; Police Lt. Richard Morris, who proposed an identification system for visitors to police facilities, and Fire Capt. Robert Smith, who advocated a new type of hose connection for hydrants.

More recent awards have gone to Sgt. Richard Fanning, for a new ready-reference form for listing stolen cars; Police Capts. Anthony Colgary and Roland Michel, for new reporting forms for detective activity; Deputy Fire Chief Thomas O'Boyle, for "Turn Me Off — Save a Watt" stickers for light switches; Detective Richard Giles, for urging removal of unused city telephones, and Fire Capt. John Bender, for a protective rubber ring for portable air tanks.

"We're looking for ideas that will save money or affect a large number of employees," says Mr. Woods. After an idea is received, the committee seeks comments from city agencies that would be involved in carrying it out.

Suggestions have included ways to curtail illegal opening of fire hydrants; to improve tax collections and computer services; to curtail use of copying machines, electricity, and to provide entertainment in parks. "Some of the suggestions overlap, and some are already in use," notes Mr. Woods.

Members of the suggestion and awards committee, and their departments, are: Public Works, Michael Malanga; Police Sgt. Raymond Critchley; Fire, Deputy Chief James O'Beirne; Recreation and Parks, Lamont Bristol; Engineering, James King; Finance, Mark Epps; Health and Welfare, Barbara Taylor; Law, Mary Kornegay; MPDO, Golden Bell, and Public Service Employment, Eugene Goldston.

Further information is available from Mr. Woods, Office of Personnel Development, 207 City Hall, 733-3866.

25 YEARS AT BETH



Ms. Hattie Walker of 889 S. 20th St. receives a 25-year service pin as an employee of Beth Israel Medical Center from Lester M. Bornstein, executive director.

TOWING

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complaints by delivery men that they were being ticketed and towed while making deliveries have been in part alleviated. Arrangements have been made with meat packaging firms on Orange Street to lend them some consideration; however, she adds that deliverymen who stop in restaurants for a little coffee and conversation are still in danger of being ticketed. She adds that the next area of concentration will be on the Mulberry Street market district. Our latest statistics show that 97 cars have been towed from that street.

Fines vary according to the vehicle towed: Cars and trucks under one ton, \$15; trucks over one ton but under five tons, \$35; trucks, buses, tractor-trailers and other heavy equipment over five tons, \$75; motorcycles or motor scooters, \$15. Storage costs: Autos and trucks under one ton, \$2 per day for the first 30 days and \$3 each day thereafter. Trucks over one ton but under five, \$5 and \$10; trucks and all heavy equipment, \$7.50 and \$15; and motorcycles or scooters, \$2 per day. Added to a \$10 ticket, the average price a motorist would have to pay if he picked up his car right away is \$17 plus tax. Cars are stored at 487 Market St.

RAPE UNIT

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where the investigation is handled by one of the six specially trained investigators and a female counselor. At present, two of the six investigators are women.

The victim can meet with a female investigator if she desires, but so far, according to Jose Sanchez of the unit, the women have been reasonably comfortable dealing with the male investigators.

"They (the woman) feel that we will help them. Because of our training we are more aware of the sensitiveness of the victims. We are able to handle them better. Before, we did not have the awareness," says Sanchez.

"I have never experienced any animosity because I am a male investigator. I think it was a false philosophy that a woman did not want to talk to a male detective, and I don't think my co-workers have experienced any animosity," Sanchez continues.

The training Sanchez referred to consisted of 80 hours of intensive sensitivity training.

John Barnes, another SARA investigator, agrees they have had success in dealing with the victims. "If a person needs help, they don't care where it's coming from. The professional manner in which you handle the case helps. Of course, there are times when the victim would rather work with the counselor. But I have often gotten more information than the counselor," Barnes reports.

Another problem previously experienced by rape victims was the difficulty in receiving medical attention immediately after the rape. Since April, 1975, rape victims have been taken to United Hospitals, another

component of the SARA unit, for immediate medical treatment, and for any needed psychological and family counseling.

Upon arrival at United, the victim is taken to a private section of the emergency room, away from other patients. Specimens are taken and placed in a special container for processing by the police lab. These specimens provide physical evidence for possible prosecution.

Other evidence, not previously used by the police department, includes Polaroid photos of any bruises sustained by the victim during the attack. Under the old system, by the time a victim got to court any bruises were gone, leaving no evidence of a struggle or attack.

To assist the victim in identifying her attacker, SARA maintains an exclusive file of mug shots of all known sex offenders in the area.

Probably the greatest asset to the unit is the attitude of the investigators. Barnes feels it is also important to deal with the offender. "We can sometimes help the offender by researching into his background and studying his past offenses. You might find problems such as his not being able to deal with women. We could recommend psychiatric treatment instead of incarceration."

"We have to distinguish between just a criminal rape and a sickness, i.e., whether he can relate to what he has done or not. If we lock him up without his receiving treatment, he only comes out and repeats the offense," Barnes observes.

Sanchez feels it is important to consider the cultural background of some cases in order to understand what is going on. For instance, in

Spanish areas, Sanchez has found that in many cases the young man did not mean to harm the young woman. "They might have gone out to have a good time and through that got involved in sexual affections. If the girl is under age, that constitutes rape."

The entire unit refers to Sanchez as their marriage department; through his efforts at least five cases have resulted in marriages. "In one case she was molested by an older man. He chose marriage instead of going to jail. Now they are happily married."

Another reason for the increased clearance rate of SARA is that each of the investigators serves a dual function — police officer and investigator. Because the only cases the unit handles are rapes, the investigators have time to fully pursue each case. Barnes tells of a case which was solved in a day because he had time to fully investigate the circumstances. "If I was on a precinct squad, this case would still be an active or possibly inactive case," he says. "Instead, it was settled in a day."

SARA also has a fulltime prosecutor on staff. Gloria Murphy, Essex County assistant prosecutor, oversees each rape case that gets to court, and herself tries some of the cases.

Funding for the unit comes from governmental and private sources. The Junior League of Montclair-Newark contributed \$15,000 to the unit. The Prudential Insurance Co. and the Schering-Plough Corp. made donations of \$10,000 each. These contributions went to United Hospitals for services.

SARA is located at 20 Park Place, 3rd Floor; the number is "733-RAPE."

Social Security Unit in Clinton Hill

The Social Security Administration is opening a new branch office at Bergen Street and Avon Avenue.

Arne H. Tornquist, Social Security area director, says the new office will serve over 125,000 people in Clinton Hill and surrounding areas.

In an outreach program, the office will offer a full range of services to the public, including the retirement, survivors and disability, Medicare and

Supplemental Security Income programs.

Mayor Gibson, along with Councilman Jesse Allen, presided over groundbreaking ceremonies at the site Oct. 2. The new building will house up to 40 Social Security employees.

Clinton Hill area residents now have a community office to serve their needs and will no longer have to travel into the congested area of the Federal Building.

Equal Rights

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to out-talk them and interrupt whatever they were saying, thus making it impossible for the audiences to get a clear picture.

While the proponents tried to explain the legal implications of the amendment, the opponents worked on the fears of the people. Consider the warnings that women would be drafted, that there would be unisex toilets, that women would be forced to leave the home and work so that they could provide 50 per cent of the financial support of the home, that women would lose their alimony and children in divorce actions.

All of these threats would definitely upset the average woman more quickly than the facts that there is no army in the State of New Jersey to be drafted into; that the Constitution provides the right of privacy that would prevent unisex toilets (or that trains, planes, restaurants and offices, as well as homes, already have unisex toilets that accommodate only one person at a time with a lock on the door); that there is no law that could force a woman to go to work if she did

not want to; that ERA would merely cause the courts to look at each divorce action individually and assign alimony on the basis of need and the ability to pay.

Even women who were experiencing discrimination on the job considered the possibility of being drafted, or using unisex toilets, or even the possibility that men would stop opening doors for them, more important than the possibility of getting equal pay for equal work and equal opportunities for advancement.

The defeat could also be blamed on the low voter turnout. Connie Woodruff, chairperson of the N.J. Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, suggested that there was also a "lack of voter participation where it would have counted most — in the cities where discrimination in employment and lack of job opportunities abound."

Both sides are readying for the fight over the ratification vote for the Federal ERA. State Sen. Thomas Dunn, (D-Union), a leader in the anti-ERA movement, already has ordered the drafting of legislation designed to rescind New Jersey's approval of the Federal ERA. Proponents of the ERA are working to expand their field of support to convince the state legislators that

rescinding the ratification vote would be disastrous to the cause of ending sexist discrimination. This struggle will possibly be not as wide open as the previous one, but it will definitely be more heated.

The federal ERA, which at present needs four more states to ratify it, is similar in wording to the State ERA: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Were the state to rescind its ratification vote, the hope of the federal ERA ever being ratified would be nil, since New Jersey and New York were among the first states to ratify the amendment, and the rest of the country would be watching to see what they are doing. One of the arguments of the opposition was that we would not need both a state and a federal ERA, but if the vote is rescinded, there would be neither.

Furthermore, it has been suggested that future bills dealing with sex discrimination may have a hard time being passed if the legislators feel that this is not what their constituency wants.

There was also a recount of the votes from 43 Essex County districts which showed zero tallies for ERA.

Prior to the recount, the vote tally in Newark was 10,935 yes, 10,357 no.

The opponents are preparing a broad-based campaign, not only for rescission of the ERA vote but also against so-called "liberal legislation." Mrs. Franko says her group will oppose Governor Byrne's proposed penal code, which would revise many criminal statutes, any income-tax proposal, and any implementation of the "thorough and efficient" education law that is designed to equalize spending in the state's 607 school districts and hopefully equalize the quality of education given in these districts. Franko also expressed opposition to subsidized day-care centers, and pro-abortion legislation.

If the defeat of the ERA did nothing else, it has spurred the fence-sitters into action for fear of some very real rights and opportunities being denied to everyone. It has thrust housewives into the public eye and it has shown those who thought they were politically sophisticated just how unsophisticated they were.

The state constitution forbids it happening any sooner, but you can believe that in three years there'll be a State ERA on the ballot again.



Audrey Massiah, director of city's Welfare Division, and long line of applicants for help at 2 Cedar St.



ON THE WELFARE

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addicts, socially unemployables, and persons not old enough or sick enough for assistance via other aid programs. They also include people too old to be trained for specific employment or lacking marketable skills.

Ms. Massiah, who supervises a staff of 120, is an experienced and competent administrator with 20 years in the field of social welfare. In supervising one of the busiest and most bureaucratic city agencies, she constantly deal with the pleas, the lies, the grim revelations of clients, both honest people and charlatans, who are either given shelter from the storm or sent back to the street.

An attractive lady of unmistakable taste and charm, Ms. Massiah directs the traffic of the suffering, trying to separate the real and the unreal. Her workday consists of coping with the problems of those frustrated and broken by regulations, the terrible responsibilities of life, the disposables of our society. They are the people kept suffering, kept down, by the oppressors. In many instances, caseworkers are willing accomplices in the welfare conspiracy.

"I'm trying to do something about our image because of the lines outside our office," she said. "I'm especially concerned about people standing out there in the cold weather. Being able to service the clients in a decent manner is important to me, and I'm ashamed of the way we have to do it now."

Much of her frustration, Ms. Massiah says, results from cutbacks in staff as well as funds. The division's city appropriation for administration was cut from \$1.2 million in 1974 to \$864,217 this year.

The division receives a grand total of \$17 million from the state and city. Most of it goes out in payments to cases — 8,100 single individuals and 300 couples.

Technically a part of the city's Department of Health and Welfare, the agency receives 75 per cent of its monies from the state, and the remainder from the city.

The division handles 48 per cent of the General Assistance caseload in the entire state. General Assistance — the formal name for municipal welfare — is designed for needy single individuals, or couples with no dependent children.

The city must care for those who do not qualify for the two major county welfare programs, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) or Aid to Families of the Working Poor (AFWP), and who are not eligible for Social Security aid to the blind, disabled and elderly.

Ms. Massiah's agency also provides other services, including burial assistance for people who cannot afford funerals, and casework for alcoholics and drug addicts.

G. Thomas Riti, director of the State's Division of Welfare, thinks the situation will become worse in time.

"We know there will be a time between exhausting benefits and applying for welfare," he said. "As workers lose unemployment benefits, they fall back on resources. Only when those are exhausted will they come to us."

New Jersey residents without jobs have been running out of unemployment benefits at the record rate of 4,000 a week. Some 77,000 of the jobless, as of Nov. 1, had collected all of their unemployment benefits — 65 weeks — and now are off the books.

Considering that public and private social programs combined cost a reported \$389 billion — 27 per cent of the gross national product (total value of America's goods and services) — a strange situation has developed. That is to say, there exists a curious ratio between the continuing discomfort of the poor and the very weight of the laws written for their protection.

What we have failed to do, if our most conspicuous cities are any indication, is to solve the urban problem. Yet the social scientists contend, in spite of it all, that our system has solved every fundamental economic problem, and all that remains for it to do, they say, is to clean up a few ugly pockets of poverty called the inner city. Like New York and Newark, one supposes.

Will Youth Be Served?

The Chancellor Youth Council is appealing for funds and volunteers to help provide services for youth in the Weequahic area.

The group recently held its annual "Night of Fun" at Sonny Oliver's Flower Garden. Proceeds go to high school seniors for further education.

The council also provides about 250 trophies for all winning sports teams each year; pays for Little League liability insurance and sends two boys to Little League training camp; awards savings bonds to a graduating boy and girl for recreation performance, and purchases uniforms and equipment.

The council has received the full backing of administrators at Weequahic High, Chancellor Avenue and Chancellor Annex Schools. But the officers including Evelyn Shorter, president; Gene McCullough, past president; Jeanne White, treasurer, and Ora Boone, secretary — say they need more parental and community support to continue the program.

Donations and offers of help can be sent to Chancellor Youth Council, 311 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, N. J. 07112. For information: Phil Borone, director of recreation, 733-6883.

Ambulance

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budgetary problems. Ambulances will continue to operate out of selected firehouses, but with civilian personnel under Fire Department supervision. Fire Director John Caufield explains that his supervisory people will also leave the program on Feb. 1.

New people must be hired by the Health Division and trained by the College of Medicine and Dentistry. They will be known as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). The original 14 minority fire cadets will change their status to EMT, but will still be in position to become firefighters as vacancies arise, under the original Civil Service obligation. However, the fire cadet program has ended with them, thus closing the opportunity to other minority people.

Actually, there was trouble with the program right from the start. The Fire Department, which operates on a paramilitary basis and generally has total say over its day-to-day operations, found itself in the predicament of having to work with unpredictable federal budgets and the independent administration of the College of Medicine.

Firemen complained most about the number of non-emergency calls they were asked to respond to. Statistics show that of the 30,000-plus calls they answer in a year, barely 20 percent are for real emergencies. Oftentimes the ambulances are called to cuts, stomach aches, and even drunks lying in the street.

This meant the trucks were spending a lot of time on the road for calls which the men felt could have been handled on a non-emergency basis, (for which there was a 9-to-5 operation funded through MPDO and run by the Health Division). One ambulance stationed at Engine 1 at 188 Mulberry St. made 30 calls in a nine-hour shift, and on the average the four trucks in service make 615 runs per week.

The trucks are dispatched by the medical communications system — "med-com" — operated by the College of

Church Has Faith

The Mount Carmel Holiness Church at Springfield Avenue and S. 17th Street has a new front as a symbol of its faith in Newark's future.

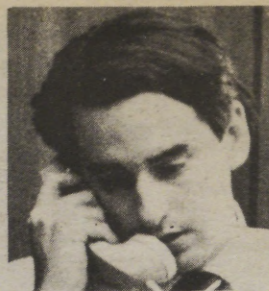
The church, headed by Elder Lawrence C. Powell, has been at the Central Ward location for two years. "Our church has pride in Newark," says Ms. Patricia Porterfield. "Our members and friends made individual contributions to share in the rebuilding of Newark as the desired place to be."

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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MONEY MAN



Dennis Sullivan, an aide to Mayor Kenneth Gibson, has served as acting director of the Department of Finance since the resignation of John Grexa.

Medicine. The system is run independently by the college and there is no way of controlling which calls the trucks receive.

The fire cadet program has been the center of dissent right from the start, too. They complained that they were not given a fair shake with regard to how long it would take for them to become line firefighters. Many said they were originally told they'd take a final test after one year of serving in cadet status. However, "they never took a civil service test" in the two years of their tenure, explains Director Caufield. He says the cadets did complete test requirements for Emergency Medical Technician, and have filed for application to become firefighters.

The cadets complain that although they worked side-by-side with fire personnel in the ambulance program, they received a salary of \$9,000 annually, as opposed to the \$13,000-plus earned by the firemen in addition to other benefits guaranteed in Firemen's Union contracts.

James Buford, director of Health and Welfare, states that he was responsible for paying both the cadets' salaries and those of the firemen in the program, but was compelled to give all regular raises to firemen that are stipulated in their union contracts. "The EMT system was becoming unionized," says Buford, "as we were required to pay standard raises. We couldn't afford to pay their salaries."

The program is funded through federal and state grants. A total of \$500,000 is included in the first-year budget of the Housing and Community Development program.

Beginning in January, Health and Welfare will manage the system, while the hospital will be responsible for communications and training. Buford explains that new supervisors will be developed from the 14 ex-fire cadets, who'll remain as permanent emergency medical technicians until positions arise in the Fire Department.

He notes that conversations between his department and upper echelons of the Fire Department are continuing in an attempt to develop still another emergency rescue operation, in which EMT-trained personnel will arrive on the scene in approximately 2 minutes to stabilize patients prior to ambulance pickup.

Taking Care of Business

Nine minority businesses, four of them in Newark, have been honored by the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity of New Jersey.

They were cited at ICBO's 10th annual dinner Nov. 5 for "outstanding achievements as businessmen and for the encouragement that their example offers for others to emulate."

The Newark businesses are: Harry Fein Furniture, 148 Ferry St.; Equal Opportunities Personnel Services, 23 Fulton St.; Denru Trucking Co., 806 S. 13th St.; and Franco Bakery Corp., 51 Fleming Ave.

Since 1967 ICBO has obtained more than \$12 million in financial aid, and has graduated more than 1,900 from management training courses. Information: ICBO, 24 Commerce St., 622-4771.

Voter Rolls

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because of the difference in names. "The problem is that we have no way of knowing how many people were rejected for reasons of this nature," she added. "If we'd had the list before the election we could have gotten back to these people and had them re-register."

Edward A. Downey, confidential secretary to the Commissioner of Registration, Joseph Aronoff, stated: "It's been my experience that with minority people you've got to get the form filed correctly the first time, because they are usually harder to get to re-register the next time around." Ms. Morgan worked directly with the commissioner's office in completing the registration process, which resulted in a reversal in the decline of voter registration rolls in the city over the past 20 years.

County records show 107,755 registered voters in Newark prior to the primary election last June, which is about when the voter drive started. Approximately 4,000 individuals were placed on the order list following that election, meaning they had not voted in four years and were thus inactive, or had been placed on the challenge list due to an unregistered change of address and became inactive following the election.

The registered voter count shortly after the primary was therefore about 103,755. Subtracting that figure from the November election figure of 118,251, indicates that 14,496 new people were brought on the rolls.

MPDO officials also noted that the 18,000 persons who filled out registration forms in the Newark drive included several hundred who live outside the city.

HELP WANTED

Homemakers Upjohn is seeking registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, home health aides, housekeepers and day workers for parttime, fulltime and live-in jobs. Experience, references and bonding may be required. Excellent pay and benefits, with no fee, the company says. Homemakers Upjohn is a nationwide firm which serves the handicapped, convalescents, senior citizens and parents. For information and applications: Homemakers Upjohn, 25 Evergreen Place, East Orange, N. J., 674-4626.

CORRECTION

The last issue of INFORMATION carried a picture of Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson presenting an employee service award for James Edwards of the Engineering Department. The other man in the picture was not Edwards, as our caption said, but Frank Yacavone, superintendent of the Pequannock Watershed, who received an award himself and also accepted the one for Edwards. We apologize for the error.

FOCUS Center Nuevo Centro

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discipline and military tactics.

Ambulance service sponsored by FOCUS to serve the needs of Dayton housing project senior citizens.

Hispanic Elderly Component that provides information leading to utilization of services for the aged in health, hygiene, nutrition and housing, and develops projects where senior citizens can contribute to their community.

Due to the efforts of Jose Rosario, president of the Board of Directors, who for years has labored to make the agency the first one of its kind for the Hispanic Community in Newark, FOCUS (Field Orientation Center for Underprivileged Spanish) is housed at present in the refurbished four-story building, its services have grown, and the FOCUS-Victoria Intercultural Center is today a reality.

Besides the new art gallery, which at present exhibits works of professional Puerto Rican painters and of participants in the First Annual Contest of Amateur Hispanic Painters (composed mostly of works by students from Newark's elementary schools, junior and senior high schools), the center offers facilities for theatre, concerts, lectures, and other social and cultural activities. Eventually, it will house a library of Hispanic authors.

"This new center," explains Rosario, "is for all ethnic groups. It is true that FOCUS seeks to inspire pride, self-confidence and economic strength in the local Spanish-speaking population, but it is also true that one of our main goals is to establish a better understanding among people of all races, creeds and nationalities, especially our youth, where our hopes for a better Newark lie."

Our gallery's first exhibits are dedicated to the Puerto Rican and Hispanic people, but our future exhibits are open to the art and talents of other ethnic groups. Because our services are rendered and directed mostly for the Hispanics, it does not mean that if a black person or an Italian, or an Irishman knocks at our door for help, we will not answer. This is their house too," he concluded.

Casto Maldonado, executive director at FOCUS, explains its many programs:

"Our services to the community encompass several areas of concern such as education, manpower, social services, youth development, community research, housing and others. We have community college programs—a concept which allows for professional attainment within the community. We offer courses in English as a second language for adults, literacy program evening classes, secretarial and clerical bilingual training, career counseling and referrals for Spanish-speaking training."

"In the area of Manpower," he continues, "FOCUS attempts to increase the percentage of Hispanic participating in the Newark labor market by increasing the number of private and public employment opportunities available. By upgrading the level of employment in the Spanish-speaking community, we try to increase the income level."

The number of social service cases that come daily to FOCUS is impressive. "We try, to the best of our possibilities, to do something positive for anyone who comes to us with a problem. We interpret and discuss with each client his or her rights to the available social services. We maintain an expanding and operational guide of municipal and state resources, which we use for referral."

"Housing has always been one of our priorities. Innumerable persons come to us with their housing problems. Not only do we try to get a solution to the problem, but understanding the shyness of many of our people to get involved in the decision-making process, we try to interest them in participating, especially when those policies are directed to their individual needs."

"As Mr. Rosario pointed out, we place great stress on helping our youth. Our attempts are directed to stabilize the emotional and psychological conditions by helping the individuals develop confidence in their peers and their own potentialities, talents and abilities to secure for themselves a place in our society. We are greatly concerned at FOCUS by the high percentage of school dropouts among Hispanic children and youth; thus we try to increase the student's desire to complete high school and continue his education. In many cases, some youths try to shun their historical and cultural heritage for fear of ridicule and discrimination. We try to show them otherwise, and develop in them a sense of pride for their ethnic roots. The Intercultural Center that we inaugurate today, aims to offer them a showcase for their traditional national values and their own talent."

The theme chosen for the inaugural program of the new FOCUS facilities, which was celebrated on the anniversary of the discovery of Puerto Rico, was: "Discovering FOCUS on the Anniversary of the Discovery of Puerto Rico." For those present at the affair, this was a pleasurable experience.

To many citizens of Newark, whose goal is also to promote the betterment of relations, understanding, communications and services among all ethnic groups in our city, FOCUS spells "RIGHT ON"—with capital letters.



On the Ball at the Hall

Parents! Symphony Hall has the solution of what to do with the kids during Christmas vacation. Ms. Brenda Saunders, managing director, has announced that for five fun-filled days there will be continuous entertainment, making Symphony Hall a "Second Home for the Holidays."

On Friday, Dec. 26, and Saturday, Dec. 27, beginning at noon, nationally known "Choco the Clown" will appear twice daily, alternating with the film, "Bashful Elephant." Choco performs feats of magic, balloon sculpturing, cartooning and the use of live animals produced in a magical manner. By enlisting children from the audience during this performance, Choco creates hilarious situations—the children become "Junior Magicians" with Choco helping a little from the sidelines.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, the Harlem Wizards will display their basketball brilliance and incredible contortions onstage at 4 and 7 p.m., pitted against the "Newark All-Stars," a team composed of local celebrity basketball stars. Sports editors credit the Wizards as being as funny and spectacular as the Harlem Globetrotters.

The Newark All-Stars include Don Bradley (All-City, All-State,

All-"EVERYTHING"); Jon and Jeff Felman (All-City and State), West Side High; Art Salley (All-State), Arts High; Artie Johnson and Eugene Smiley, All-Staters from Shabazz High; and Harry James, East Orange High All-Stater.

Between the basketball exhibitions, "Conrack" will be shown at 2 and 5 p.m. Starring Jon Voight, "Conrack" is a hard-hitting, heart-warming film about a dedicated white teacher in a deprived all-black Georgia island school.

In conjunction with the theme of "Conrack," a "Favorite Teacher" contest is currently under way in the Newark school system. Both the winning student's informal essay and the "Favorite Teacher" will be saluted at a luncheon at the Robert Treat Hotel on Dec. 19.

On Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29 and 30, beginning at noon, Symphony Hall will offer a movie double feature, geared to the younger children: "Big Circus" and "Neptune Factor."

With the exception of Sunday's activities, children can stay all afternoon during Symphony Hall's Holiday Jubilee* for just \$1. Admission on Sunday will be \$2.50.

Ms. Saunders says: "Hopefully, the Holiday Jubilee will become an annual event."

Affirmative Action

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requirement. The prime contractor is ultimately responsible for the work-force composition of his subcontractors."

At present, Helper explains the Affirmative Action staff monitors the work-force on 13 construction sites in conjunction with HFA, which funds these building projects. The 13 projects involve \$23.5 million in work.

"To date," he reports, "rapport and cooperation have been good with most contractors involved."

The major problem facing Helper, however, is to keep subcontractors in compliance as to the number of minorities they are supposed to employ. He says the Affirmative Action Program has built-in mechanisms to help sub-contractors find the required personnel to meet their contractual obligations.

Helper criticizes general contractors who fail to recognize the importance of their individual roles in encouraging subcontractors to comply. And he warns: "There will be a stronger enforcement of the Newark Plan to deal with them."

Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson and other city officials have toured the tax-abated construction sites under the jurisdiction of the Affirmative Action Program. Affirmative Action is a unit of the Human Rights Commission, under Executive Director Daniel W. Blue, Jr.

The Affirmative Action Program is in effect on all city construction sites. Half of all apprentices must be from minorities, as well as one-third of all journeymen. On each job, one minority trainee must be employed for five journeymen. Through this program, minority group members gain entrance into the construction trades, and the racial make-up of the work force reflects that of the city, Helper says.

Harry Wheeler, Director of Newark's Manpower Program, voices high regard for the Plan.

"The Newark Plan is one of the most far-reaching and successfully operated plans in the nation," Wheeler declares. "Historically, it has been in the forefront of the struggle to eliminate the systematic exclusion of minorities in the construction trades."

The Affirmative Action agency has joined negotiations for a new \$300 to \$400 million construction project by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. The project involves prime industrial land controlled by the City of Newark, which will benefit from the reconstructed sewerage system.

In addition to Carl Brinson (Tiny Prince), assistant compliance officer and parttime field representative, the Affirmative Action staff includes Field Representatives Samuel Cleveland and James Seawright, as well as Anne Trugman, secretarial assistant.

Mini-Noticias



Casto Maldonado of FOCUS Newark, and Nita García of the Community Organization Division of MPDO, presents a symbolic case of medicine to the youngest son of the Governor of Puerto Rico, Rafael Hernandez Colon, during their trip to the island to deliver clothes, medicine and food collected by the citizens of Newark for the victims of Hurricane Eloise.

Casto Maldonado de FOCUS, Newark y Nita García del Depto de Organización Comunal de M.P.D.O., entregan al hijo del Gobernador de Puerto Rico, Hon. Rafael Hernandez Colon, un símbolo paquete de medicinas que formó parte del cargamento de ayuda en ropa, medicinas y alimentos que los ciudadanos de Newark enviaron a las víctimas del Huracán Eloise en Puerto Rico.

AYUDA A VICTIMAS DEL HURACAN ELOISE

Recientemente, la ciudad de Newark, a través de la Oficina del Vice-Alcalde Ramón Añeses, la Oficina de Información Pública, y el Departamento de Organización Comunal de M.P.D.O., en un esfuerzo conjunto con la Agencia FOCUS y la División de Migración de la Oficina del Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico en Nueva York, condujeron una campaña en Newark para recaudar ropa, medicinas y alimentos para las víctimas del Huracán Eloise en Puerto Rico. La labor de coordinar esta ayuda obtuvo un éxito total.

De los cuarteles generales de FOCUS, donde se recibió el auxilio de varias partes de la ciudad y del Estado de N.J., se enviaron dos enormes cargamentos por avión a la Isla vecina y una unidad móvil de ayuda médica, para prestar ayuda de primera necesidad en las áreas más afectadas de Puerto Rico, donde los daños han sido calculados en más de \$100 millones.

NITA GARCIA ES NOMBRADA MIEMBRO DE LA ORGANIZACION NACIONAL DE INQUILINOS

Nita García, miembro del Depto. de Organización Comunal de M.P.D.O., partió hacia Las Vegas, Nevada, a comienzos de Dic., para representar a los inquilinos de Newark en una reunión de la Junta de Directores de la Organización Nacional de Inquilinos. La Srta. García, que es miembro del Club de Cuadras y del Concilio de Inquilinos de Newark, fué nombrada como comisionada a la Junta Ejecutiva de la Organización Nacional de Inquilinos durante una convención celebrada en Baltimore, Maryland, recientemente. La Srta. García es la primera persona de habla Hispana que se elige en la Junta Nacional de esta organización, que aboga por la solución de los problemas de viviendas públicas y privadas de nuestra ciudadanía.

ACUSAN AGENCIA DE VIAJES POR ESTAFAR HISPANOS

La Policía de Newark ha establecido una pesquisa para buscar a un ciudadano Argentino acusado de estafar a un sinnúmero de Hispanos, mayormente Puertorriqueños, con la venta de pasajes aéreos a través de su agencia, "World Travel Agency Inc.", establecida en Newark. El sospechoso, Pablo Poblete, cerró repentinamente las puertas de su agencia y desapareció, posiblemente con más de \$40,000, recibidos de familias Hispanas que le habían pagado por pasajes de avión para viajar a sus países de origen durante la época Navideña.

La Oficina de Acción al Consumidor de Newark, en un esfuerzo por proteger los derechos violados de los consumidores envueltos, ha llamado a varias agencias, incluyendo Eastern Airlines, donde se hizo el mayor número de reservaciones de vuelos para esas personas.

Cualquier persona que desee información o tenga una queja en contra de la agencia en cuestión, debe comunicarse con Carol Jackson al teléfono 733-3636.

FOCUS AGRE GALERIA DE ARTE Y ESTABLECE CONCURSO PARA PINTORES AFICIONADOS

Durante las ceremonias de inauguración del Centro Intercultural FOCUS Victoria quedó establecida la primera galería de arte Hispano en la ciudad de Newark. FOCUS, la agencia organizadora estableció a su vez un concurso anual para jóvenes pintores aficionados, de habla Hispana.

El día 19 de Nov., se abrieron las dos primeras exposiciones. La primera, dedicada a pintores profesionales del área, de Puerto Rico y Nueva York, y la segunda, de participantes en el Primer Concurso de Aficionados. El concurso pretende estimular el talento joven a continuar carreras profesionales en las artes. Los trabajos de los concursantes serán juzgados por originalidad, creatividad, composición, balance y estética. El concurso cerrará el día 23 de Dic. cuando se otorgarán premios en tres categorías: elemental, intermedia y superior.

Un panel de distinguidos jueces seleccionará los ganadores. El panel está compuesto por Irving Mc Mannus, del Museo Metropolitano de Nueva York; Fern Thurlow, del Museo de Newark; Gilberto Hernandez, del Museo del Barrio; la Dra. Ruth Asserson, del Depto. de Arte de la Junta de Educación de Newark; José Ocasio, de la Galería Campeche de la División de Migración del E.L.A. en Nueva York; Casto Maldonado de FOCUS; y Raul Dávila de la Oficina de Información Pública de Newark.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Compiled by DARLENE STOUT

All community groups are invited to send us notices of meetings, shows, games, trips, exhibits, etc. Please send them by the 15th of each month before publication to INFORMATION Newspaper, Room 208 City Hall, Newark, N.J. 07102. There is no charge for any listing.

SATURDAY, Dec. 20
"Snow White," live performance for children by the Happy Times Players, Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St., 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, Dec. 21
Christmas family concert by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St., 3 p.m.

First annual children's function, Central Ward Multi-Purpose Center, 9 Holland St., 4 p.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 22
Holiday concert featuring Alex Bradford, Dynamic Gaylarks, Goodnews Gospel Singers and other performers; arts and crafts display, City Hall rotunda, 12:30 to 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, Dec. 23
Council Center for Senior Citizens lecture, "Wills and Estate Planning," 24 Lyons Ave., 1:30 p.m.

Schools close for Christmas vacation. Board of Education meeting, Roberto Clemente School, 257 Summer Ave., 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 25
Christmas. Legal holiday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 26
Stage show with "Choco the Clown" and movie, "Bashful Elephant." Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St., noon.

SATURDAY, Dec. 27
"Choco the Clown" and "Bashful Elephant," Symphony Hall, noon.

SUNDAY, Dec. 28
Basketball exhibition with Harlem Wizards vs. Newark All-Stars, and movie, "Conrack." Stage show, 4 and 7 p.m.; film, 2 and 5 p.m. Symphony Hall.

MONDAY, Dec. 29
Movie double feature, "Big Circus" and "Neptune Factor," Symphony Hall, noon.

TUESDAY, Dec. 30
Council Center for Senior Citizens lecture, "Senate Bill No. 1," 24 Lyons Ave., 1:30 p.m.

Newark Junior Museum Winter Festival: "Why Whales?" Workshops, films, talks, 49 Washington St., 1:30-4 p.m.

Movies, "Big Circus" and "Neptune Factor," Symphony Hall, noon.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31
Newark Museum School Holiday program, 49 Washington St., 12:30-2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 1
New Year's Day. Legal holiday. Feast of Circumcision. Catholic holy day.

FRIDAY, Jan. 2
School Holiday Program. Earth, Science Workshop, 12:30 p.m.; Planetarium program, 1:30 p.m.; electricity demonstration, 2:30 p.m., Newark Museum, 43 Washington St.

SUNDAY, Jan. 4
Gallery Talk: Phillip Curtis, curator of Decorative arts, on "Silk, Tea and Porcelain: Trade Goods from the Orient." Newark Museum, 49 Washington St., 4 p.m.

MONDAY, Jan. 5
Schools reopen after Christmas vacation.

TUESDAY, Jan. 6
Feast of Epiphany. Christian holy day.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7
City Council meeting, Council chambers, City Hall, 1 p.m.

Eastern Orthodox Christmas.

YOUR CITY DIRECTORY

Santa Claus isn't the only one who's been making a list and checking it twice.

The Newark Public Information has been compiling a new directory of services in the city. The 16-page booklet will contain the names, addresses and phone numbers of some 475 agencies and groups, arranged according to the type of services they provide. The index is in English and Spanish, and there's a handy bilingual list of Newark city government phone numbers.

Copies of the directory soon will be available free on request to Public Information, 208 City Hall, Newark, N.J. 07102; telephone 733-8004.

SATURDAY, Jan. 10
Mini-Zoo talk, 12:30 p.m. Children's Saturday afternoon program, 1:30 p.m., "An American Sampler," folk songs performed by the Pushcart Players. Newark Museum, 49 Washington St.

"Prevention vs. Crisis," statewide conference on child health, sponsored by Emergency Committee to Save Child Care. Rutgers Labor Education Center, New Brunswick.

SUNDAY, Jan. 11
Hostos' birthday. Puerto Rican holiday.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14
Muharram. Islamic New Year.

THURSDAY, Jan. 15
School Holiday Program. Earth Science workshop, 12:30 p.m.; Planetarium program, 1:30 p.m.; electricity demonstration, 2:30 p.m. Newark Museum, 43 Washington St.

Dr. Martin Luther King birthday. City legal holiday. Schools closed.

SATURDAY, Jan. 17
Bicentennial fun with O.T. Zappo, Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St., 2 p.m.

¿QUE PASA?

Compilada por MONICA ROJAS

Invitamos a todas las agencias y grupos comunales a enviarnos noticias de sus reuniones, espectáculos, juegos, viajes, exhibiciones, etc. Toda información al respecto debe llegarnos antes del 15 del mes, y ser dirigida al Periódico INFORMACION, 208 City Hall, Newark, N.J. 07102.

SABADO, Diciembre 20
"Blasfemia Nieves", dramatización del cuento para niños por la Compañía Happy Times Players. Biblioteca de Newark, 5 Washington Street, 2 p.m.

DOMINGO, Diciembre 21
Concierto Navideño para Familias por la Orquesta Sinfónica de N.J. Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, 3 p.m.

Primera Función Anual Para Niños. Central Ward Multipurpose Center, 9 Holland St. 4 p.m.

LUNES, Diciembre 22
Concierto Navideño con Alex Bradford, Dynamic Gaylarks, Los Cantantes Evangélicos Good News y otros. Exhibición de Artes Manuales. Rotunda de la Alcaldía. 12:30 a 4 p.m.

MARTES, Diciembre 23
Conferencia sobre "Testamentos y Plificación de Propiedades", Council Center for Senior Citizens, 24 Lyons Ave. 1:30 p.m.

Las escuelas cierran hoy para las vacaciones de Navidad.

Reunión de la Junta de Educación, Escuela Roberto Clemente, Summer Ave., 8 p.m.

JUEVES, Diciembre 25
Día de Navidad. Día de Fiesta Oficial.

VIERNES, Diciembre 26
Espectáculo con "Choco el Payaso" y exhibición de la película "El Elefante Tímido". Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St. Al medio día.

SABADO, Diciembre 27
Espectáculo con "Choco el Payaso" y exhibición de la película "El Elefante Tímido". Symphony Hall, Al medio día.

DOMINGO, Diciembre 28
Juego de exhibición de baloncesto, Harlem Wizards vs. Newark All-Stars, y exhibición de la película "Conrack". Espectáculo: 4 y 7 p.m., Película: 2 y 5 p.m.; Symphony Hall.

LUNES, Diciembre 29
Doble Programa de cine, "El Gran Circo" y "El Factor Neptuno". Symphony Hall, al medio día.

MARTES, Diciembre 30
Conferencia sobre "El Proyecto de Ley Senatorial No. 1", Council Center for Senior Citizens, 24 Lyons Ave., 1:30 p.m.

Festival Invernal del Museo Junior de Newark "¿Por qué Bailenas?" película y charlas. Museo de Newark, 49 Washington St., 1:30 a 4 p.m.

Películas "El Gran Circo" y "El Factor Neptuno", Symphony Hall, al medio día.

MIÉRCOLES, Diciembre 31
Programa Navideño para Escuelas en el Museo de Newark, 49 Washington St., 12:30 a 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, Jan. 18
Science program, Irving Black, supervisor of the Science Department, will give an electricity demonstration. Newark Museum, 49 Washington St., 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 20
"City without Walls," exhibit of art and photography, opens at Newark Public Library (through Feb. 28).

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21
City Council meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 22
Noontime concert, Al Patterson Jazz Combo. Newark Museum, 49 Washington St., 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, Jan. 25
Dorian Wind Quintet in chamber music concert. Admission \$2. Robeson Center, Rutgers University, 350 High St., 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 27
Board of Education meeting. Malcolm X Shabazz High School, 80 Johnson Ave., 8 p.m.

¿QUE PASA?

JUEVES, Enero 1
Día de Año Nuevo. Día de Fiesta Oficial.

Fiesta de la Circuncisión. Día de Fiesta Católica.

VIERNES, Enero 2
Programa Navideño para escuelas: Taller de Ciencias Terrestres. 12:30 p.m.; Programa del Planetarium, 1:30 p.m.; Demostración de Electricidad, 2:30 p.m.; Museo de Newark, 43 Washington Street.

DOMINGO, Enero 4
Charla en las Galerías: Phillip Curtis, encargado de Artes Decorativas, hablará sobre "Seda, Té y Porcelana: Artículos de Mercado del Oriente". Museo de Newark, 49 Washington St., 4 p.m.

LUNES, Enero 5
Las escuelas abren después de las vacaciones de Navidad.

MARTES, Enero 6
Día de los Reyes. Fiesta de la Epifanía. Día de Fiesta Cristiano.

MIÉRCOLES, Enero 7
Reunión del Concilio Municipal, City Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Día de Navidad de la Iglesia Ortodoxa Oriental.

JUEVES, Enero 8
Cine del Medio Día con la película "Gone West", Biblioteca Pública de Newark, 5 Washington St., 11:45 a.m. y 12:45 p.m.

SABADO, Enero 10
Charla sobre Mini-zoológico, 12:30 p.m., programa de Sábados para niños con el espectáculo "Muestrario Americano", canciones interpretadas por la Compañía "Pushcart Players", Museo de Newark, 49 Washington St. 1:30 p.m.

Conferencia Estatal sobre Salud Infantil "Prevención vs. Crisis", auspiciada por el Comité de Emergencia Para la Salvación del Cuidado de Niños. Rutgers Labor Education Center, New Brunswick.

DOMINGO, Enero 11
Natalicio de Eugenio María de Hostos, Procer Puertorriqueño. Día de Fiesta Puertorriqueña.

MIÉRCOLES, Enero 14
Muharran, Día de Año Nuevo Islámico.

JUEVES, Enero 15
Programa para Escuelas: Taller de Ciencias Terrestres, 12:30 p.m., Programa del Planetarium, 1:30 p.m. Demostración de Electricidad, 2:30 p.m. Museo de Newark, 43 Washington St.

Natalicio de Martin Luther King. Día de Fiesta Legal Municipal. Las escuelas permanecerán cerradas.

SABADO, Enero 17
Entreteneimiento Bicentenario con O.T. Zappo. Biblioteca Pública de Newark, 5 Washington St., 2 p.m.

DOMINGO, Enero 18
Programa de Ciencias: Irving Black, Supervisor del Departamento de Ciencias, ofrecerá una demostración de electricidad. Museo de Newark, 49 Washington St., 2:30 p.m.

MARTES, Enero 20
"Ciudad Sin Murallas", exhibición de arte y fotografías. Biblioteca Pública de Newark, (se extiende hasta Febrero 28).

MIÉRCOLES, Enero 21
Reunión del Concilio Municipal, Alcaldía, 8 p.m.

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